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I SHALL SURVIVE USING POTIONS!

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- STORY -

Kaoru Nagase was caught up in a mysterious phenomenon and died when returning home from work. It was because of a time-space distortion that a higher life form was cleaning up, but she was able to receive a younger body and the ability to create any potion she wanted in another world!

Kaoru, who's now a rather sharp-eyed 15 year old girl again, will work hard for a peaceful life in another world!

Eh, as a commoner she doesn't understand the thinking of nobles? She's now stuck in a delusional story that she's trying to escape from?

Hey, this is different from what you told me, goddess!

「どこの御令嬢だ？」

いや、お忍びの、

どこの国の

王女殿下か？」



Chapter 1

Thank you for your reincarnation benefits!

“Then, as you wish, I shall connect you to their dreams. Once for your family members, and once for your two best friends. Ten days have passed on earth since your death there. I hope that you won’t have any regrets. After that, I shall send you to another world. Once you’re there, I won’t be able to intervene anymore, but I’ve asked the administrator there to take care of you. I’m truly sorry... Well, I hope you enjoy your new life!”

Saying so, the god sent her away with a gentle smile.



❖ Koichi, Kaoru’s big brother’s POV

“It happened just ten days ago, eh...”

Koichi was in his bed, thinking about his younger sister that died ten days ago. His little sister was the middle sibling who had just graduated from university half a year ago.

She loved reading books and knew many things, and she was a bit tomboyish. Although she had the appearance of a cute and delicate girl, she gave off the feeling of a little brother more than a little sister, so it was as if he had a brother and sister instead of two younger sisters. Even though he was just laughing recently at her stories about her so-called accomplishments in school and at work, he never would have thought that she’d die before their parents. Not to mention, it was a mysterious and violent death where her body suddenly exploded in front of several witnesses...

Of course, it caused an uproar. Was it a terrorist attack with a miniature bomb, a murder case using piano wire, a kamaitachi, the work of the devil, the insensitive mass media rushed in at the unusual news, along with a cult leader scheming for money, and so on...

Finally it's settled down somewhat, but there's a long ways to go until it calms down completely. The uproar had distracted his attention, but now that it's finally a bit quieter, his sadness is catching up to him. Perhaps his parents were also grieving for his sister, today everyone went to sleep early, but Koichi heard the toilet being flushed, and the sound of someone going to the refrigerator several times, until it became silent again.

When he was thought about his deceased sister, tears flowed down his cheek. He thought about various things, but due to a lack of sleep during the past few days, before he knew it he fell into a deep sleep.

"Ah, you're finally here! You're really sleeping late tonight, big brother!"

"Ahh, I'm having a lucid dream..."

The other four members of Koichi's family was sitting around a table, including his little sister that wasn't around anymore, who was smiling at him. Even with ten days having passed, he was filled with a nostalgic, sorrowful feeling.

"Well then, since everyone's finally here, let me explain. To put it simply, I died because of a god's mistake, so he'll give me a cheat ability and send me to another world as an apology!"

"What kind of light novel is that!!"

He couldn't help but respond with a retort. No, despite it being his dream, it lacked imagination. Pathetic.

"Kaoru, then, did he take responsibility properly? You must make sure he compensates you, you know."

He hit his head against the table because his mother was taking Kaoru too seriously... Why did it actually hurt?

"I'll be fine! He promised to give me a cheat ability! And I can keep my body when I go over there. Also, I'll be younger. So, I'll be able to have Nagase children in another world! Our Nagase genes shall spread and multiply even in another world!!"

"Wow, that's amazing... Then, for Koichi and Yuki over here, you're going to have to

compete with them!”

Koichi’s father also took her way too seriously... No, he said something even worse.

Big sister, could you send a handsome prince or a diamond that’s a national treasure to this world?”

Even his little sister...

“Sorry, that won’t be possible. Ah, my time’s almost up... Then, everyone, please stay well! I’ll also try my best and stay healthy over there! Ah, my cheat will be creating potions so I won’t have to worry about injuries or diseases, and I can also sell them for easy money! I was also promised that I’ll have a secure life! That’s why, there’s no need to worry. Alright then, mother, father, big brother, Yuki, everyone stay healthy! Thank you for everything up until now, and farewell!”

“Stay healthy!”

“I hope you find happiness!”

“Catch a nice man, okay?”

“...Kaoru, you know that you should keep information about yourself secret, and stay safe, right!!”

“I got it! Then, see you all!”

It was now morning. Ha, how foolish. Why did he tell her to “keep information about herself secret, and stay safe?” That Kaoru, would she really not know such basic... no wait, is he the idiot now? Why was he commenting on his own dream? Might as well just grab breakfast quickly.

He got out of bed, and went down to the first floor in his pajamas. Everyone in his home eats breakfast in their pajamas. This was because it didn’t matter as much if it got stained by food, and they would also brush their teeth in their pajamas, in order to avoid staining or wrinkling their work clothes. Yep, it was reasonable.

His father and youngest sister were already sitting at the table. They were both drinking miso soup, and his mother was making a dish of grilled salmon.

For some reason, it seemed like there was a strange atmosphere. They were fidgeting, glancing at each other, it was an indescribable, restless feeling.

At that time, quite abruptly, he recalled a line from the conversation inside his dream.

“Our Nagase genes shall spread and multiply even in another world!!”

“...Wait, is our family supposed to be rats or cockroaches!!”

SNOOORRRRTTT~~~!!!!

Suddenly, his father and little sister spurted out their miso soup through their mouths and noses.

Ah, our habit of eating in our pajamas has been proven to be quite correct! Wait, my pajamas have gotten dirty! And, it’s scalding!!

Behind Koichi, his mother also dropped the plate of grilled salmon. Ahh, the grilled salmon...

“A cheat in another world...” muttered his father.

“A handsome prince or a national treasure level diamond...”

“Ah, she said it wasn’t possible...”

Koichi’s mother commented on his little sister Yuki’s mumbling.

...Silence.

It was quiet for a while. Then –

“...Haha.”

“...Ahaha.”

“““““AHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!”””””

They laughed. The four of them kept laughing. Something warm kept flowing down Koichi's cheeks, but he kept laughing without paying it any attention. And, everyone was late to work and school that morning.



❖ **Kyoko, Kaoru's friend's POV**

"Ah, she's here she's here."

Two girls were sitting across the table from Kyoko.

"Ahh, I must be dreaming..."

One girl was her close friend since middle school, who's now her only close friend. The other girl was her only other close friend who passed away ten days ago. She was heartbroken about it, and cried every night, and now her feelings have finally calmed down a little.

"Is it that I can't forget about her, or because I can't control my feelings that I'm seeing her even in my dream..."

"Sorry, Kyo-chan, I died so young. Even though the three of us were planning to do so many things together. I'm truly sorry."

She couldn't hold it in anymore, she hugged Kaoru's delicate body and burst into tears.

"Idiot idiot idiot idiot, why did you die! Idiot IDIOOOOOTT!!

She kept sobbing loudly.

"Kyoko, please calm down a little. It's not like Kaoru died because she wanted to. Besides, it seems like we don't have much time. Anyways let's listen to Kaoru's story."

Reiko was calm and unruffled just like usual. No, since it was her dream, and because she felt like Reiko was that kind of person, she let it pass. Well anyways, it was a chance to talk to Kaoru again even if it was inside a dream.

"Kaoru..."

“I’m sorry. It seems like I died due to a god’s mistake.”

“Eh? Then, you can come back to life!!”

“Yeah. But, not in this world. So, he allowed me to transfer to another world. A medieval European style world.”

“Why! Why can’t you come back to this world! Just why...”

Reiko gently patted Kyoko’s back as she stood from her seat, and Kyoko stopped her sobbing.

“Ah~, sorry, I don’t really have much time... Anyway, since I died because of a god’s mistake, as an apology he let me transfer to another world with my memories intact, so I plan to live happily there. Thank you for all the time we spent together since middle school. I’ll never forget about you two. Please be happy!”

“Kaoru, Kaoru, KAORUUU~!”

“Kaoru, do we need to tell your family?”

As expected of Reiko, always calm and composed.

“Ah, it’s okay. I’ve already said goodbye properly to my family. Well then, farewell!

Suddenly Kaoru disappeared, leaving only the two of them.

After making sure that Kyoko has stopped sobbing, Reiko dissolved into tears herself.

“AAAAAAHHHHHHH!!!”

Kyoko was shocked at Reiko who was clinging to her and crying loudly.

“UWAAAAAAAAAAHHHHHHH!”

Looking at Reiko’s crying state, finally she understood. Ahh, so this girl was like this. Always putting others before herself...

“I’m sorry, Reiko. I know that we don’t have much time, but I wasted it... Even though that was supposed to be valuable time for Reiko to be able to talk to Kaoru...”

She hugged Reiko tightly. And then they continued to cry.

...Morning came. The alarm rang at the usual time, and she also woke up just like always.

When she get up, her pillow was soaked with tears, drool, and mucus.

Ahh, inside the dream, Kaoru was being Kaoru, and Reiko was being Reiko. My precious best friends.

At that time, her smartphone on the side table beside her bed started ringing. Her close friends knew that on the weekdays Kyoko usually got up at 5 o’clock. So if they needed to call her early in the morning for some reason, they would call at 5:00 to 5:01. Because after that she’ll go use the restroom, wash her face, cook breakfast, and so on. Well, even so, they usually only called her this early once every few years. And it seemed like today was one of those few days.

Who could it be, this early in the morning...

While she reached for her phone, somehow Kyoko knew Reiko would be on the other end. Although it was just a thought, she believed in it for some reason.

She picked up her smartphone, pressed the call button, and placed it against her ear.

“Yeah... , yeah. Eh? Yeah. Talk to the gods? How? Beat them up? Like I said, how? No, of course I’m on board! For the time being you’re going to the shrine and kicking all the offering boxes? Yeah, okay okay. For now let’s gather information on Kaoru, yeah yeah, then, see you on Saturday!”

Kyoko hung up her phone and laid down on her bed.

“Hehe.”

Her face crumpled and distorted.

“Hehe, heh heh heh. HAHAAHAHAHAHA!”

She hugged her pillow tightly.

“Ick, it’s so sticky...”

By the way, Kaoru decided not to tell her friends about the fact that she would receive a younger body. Somehow, she felt she would be scared of their reactions.

Chapter 2

Wishing goddess!

When I noticed it, I was in a white area.

Well, this is my second time so I'm kind of getting used to it.

When I turned around, there was a blonde haired Bishojo; her age was about 15 to 16 years old and she froze with a surprised face.

...Woooah

No, what am I so worked up for?

"Are you the administrator goddess of this world?" (Kaoru)

When I asked her, the goddess-like Bishojo finally moved and responded.

"Yes, that's right, I am Celestine; I'm the administrator! Welcome to my world: Vernie!!" (Celestine)

Somehow, the tension is high. This is a kind of a troublesome person...

"Uhm... I heard the story from the God who manages Earth, and... because I'm also in his care, so..." (Celestine)

She's too tense. Her way of speaking is kind of annoying... but my future is in her hands and the other party is a goddess; I should calm down and listen!

"Ehehehe~ I'm really grateful to you!" (Celestine)

...Why the appreciation? Because I don't understand her, I'll try to ask as calmly as possible.

"Well, why are you thankful? Aren't I troubling you somehow?" (Kaoru)

“No, It’s not like that! I really appreciate it!” (Celestine)

Then she slowly told me about the circumstances and I manage to understand it.

Apparently this goddess, she seems to really respect the god who manages Earth.

He must be quite famous among the managers; he’s a very respectable person...

No, he is a “God” not a person, and among the young goddesses, he has a good reputation.

That was why Celestine was delighted to be in charge of this world, that was in the same family system with Earth, that was managed by that god.

But there was no opportunity for her to make direct contact with her senpai god.

Even so, she wants to have a group social gathering and district exchange meeting. (I wonder if there’s such a thing)

But it was impossible for her to talk directly to her senpai god; it seems she was only looking at him from afar.

And then, there was my case.

The senpai god that she longed for came to see her directly.

More than that, he lowered his head and asked a favor.

It was something she was really delighted with.

Therefore if I had anything I wanted to ask, As an apology from her senpai god, she’ll as much as possible try to do it.

She was really happy, “How fortunate I am; I will help you a lot!”

And that was the story.

Well, I don’t mind about that, instead, I’m thankful for being saved, but...

This is a detailed meeting. I am desperate because my life depends on this.

“In the meantime, that God promised me a cheat-like ability,
the ability to speak, read, and write the languages in that world,
a body rejuvenated with my original genes.

Ah that’s right, are there any inconveniences with my original body?
Like something that stands out or that I can’t have any children,...” (Kaoru)

“No, black hair, black eyes are somewhat uncommon,
but there is no such thing as discrimination.
And there are no differences in physical matters, so there is no problem with having
children” (Celestine)

It was safe.

“Well, I have decided on the promised cheat...
But before that, I have a question.
Are there any magic in this world, or monsters and people in a profession of hunting
them?” (Kaoru)

It was a very important question. The answer to that would change the cheat that I
chose and my life policy from then on.

“I don’t quite understand about cheats, but that person, he told me
[For my sake, would you please give her a superior ability she will need to survive]
And about what you asked, in this world, there is everything: magic, monsters and
hunters” (Celestine)

Alright, as planned!

“Okay then, about the cheat, I’d like to ask for
[A potion making ability that can create potions with any effects that I like.” (Kaoru)

“...What is that...?” (Celestine)

“[A potion making ability that can create potions with any effects that I like.]
Because civilization is behind the times when compared to Earth, I am afraid of getting
injuries and illnesses.

If I'm bedridden with any illness or that I would get a horrible injury, I would die with a lot of suffering.

That is my request.

It is just an ability to cover a small part of the disadvantage that came because of that god's mistake.

Goddess, do you think it is too much to ask?" (Kaoru)

"...Alright, alright! It's okay! I just want to hear what kind of ability it is because I don't understand it!" (Celestine)

Alright, I'm going further with this condition! I took a look at the goddess while thinking how to get the best bargain from her.

"Oh, it is inconvenient if I don't have a container to put the medicine in.

What kind of containers are good...

Like a small test tube to carry around...

But if want to store a large amount, the small tube would not do.

And in the shop, we will need a stand for it, too.

How about an aluminum cap, if it is an aluminum cap, then there would be a problem with this world's civilization.

...What should I do..." (Kaoru)

I took a look at the goddess face. Yes, it was a face that said "I don't know anything about that too..."

"This is troublesome, so do you think it's okay for any kind of container to appear as I want with the medicine?" (Kaoru)

"Well, okay, a container will appear as your desire" (Celestine)

Alright, I got her word!

"This is the cheat that god promised me" (Kaoru)

"Is that so? Well, let's start the creation of your body" (Celestine)

"Oh, please wait a minute!" (Kaoru)

I stopped the goddess. Yes, I did it to a goddess.

“But with only this, it may be possible to survive, but it seems to be rather an inconvenient life with low civilization level and bad public security...” (Kaoru)

“Well, it’s because it’s this world... , so please endure it...” (Celestine)

The goddess says so with a troubled face.

“Well, I know that, but the god of Earth says [I’m asking the local manager to help you if you have any hardship] and you also said you would help me!” (Kaoru)

“Well, surely I said so... then, what kind of things do you want?” (Celestine)

All right, I did it!

“It is an item box” (Kaoru)

“...What is...?” (Celestine)

“It is an item box” (Kaoru)

“What, what’s that item box...?” (Celestine)

I will explain as soon as possible, I have been waiting for her to ask.

“It is impossible for me to continue walking with the equipment and tools necessary while traveling in this world.

I need water and food, and if I carry money or valuable items,

I can’t be relaxed in a world where I can’t trust even an inn or a bank.

In other words, I can’t save money no matter how much I work.

It is difficult to move to other cities by myself, how can I live easy, now?” (Kaoru)

“U~...” (Celestine)

The goddess is troubled.

“Therefore, I need it.

It is an item box!

With unlimited capacity; the items will be stored in a different space; the items won’t

get damaged or old because the time will be stopped inside.

I can put anything in and get out anytime I want and no-one but me can take it out.

If I put money and luggage in this, there would be no need to worry about money and luggage getting stolen.

I also don't need to worry about carrying a lot of heavy luggage and slowing my traveling speed.

And, as I can store as much food and water I like with that, it's absolutely necessary for my life" (Kaoru)

"What is that... It's a useful thing, is that an "item box" ? And are you using it in your other world?" (Celestine)

"Oh, no, on the Earth, it's easy to move with luggage and there is not much to worry about since the public order is good, so... ha ha ha..." (Kaoru)

I somehow managed to distract her.

"You will have a new body with your original genes and your age will be rejuvenated to 15 years old.

The gene is okay because "that person" provided your original body's.

I think that the adult age is 15 years old.

15-18 are the marriage age for aristocrats and 15-22 years old for commoners, so it is quite appropriate.

That's right. Since aristocrats are engaged early, it is quite common for marriages right when you become an adult at 15 years old.

When the aristocrats turn 18 years old and marry they would be seen to be in a late marriageable age,

A lot of them would feel unpleasant if they go over 20 years old.

In the case of commoners, marriage is early in rural areas, such as to reduce eating habits, increase labor and similar reasons, but in the urban areas it is usually around 17 to 22 years old.

23 is considered a late marriage, there's no after 24 and when you are 25-26 nobody considers marry you anymore" (Celestine)

No, no, no, that's severe... I must do my best.

"The language is, as requested, the ability to speak in any language in this world together with the ability to read and write.

The potion making ability, that makes any kind of potion with any effect you like.

It will enter a container as you desire.

An Item box ability with unlimited capacity that stores item in another dimension's space,

you are freely able to put anything in and take anything out from anywhere, the passage of time will stop in that space and it can't be used by anyone but you.

Is everything correct?" (Celestine)

Yes, it's perfect. Then, I should go with the final finish?

"Yeah, there's no mistake, but I want to ask at last a few questions, is that okay?" (Kaoru)

"Yes, please don't hesitate to ask me" (Celestine)

The goddess had a relieved face to finally finish. Alright, please listen.

"The first thing I'd like to ask is about the religion of this world.

Because there's nothing as scary as religion, so what are the religions here?" (Kaoru)

"Oh, that's easy, almost every religion is worshiping me, I am believed to be the sole god in this world. Although the notation and pronunciation of my name may differ slightly depending on the region and sect. But that's it.

Doctrine and precepts also have some differences, but originally they are separated from the same things so they don't have any great fundamental changes.

I had warned them about discrimination by race.

Well... , it is a relatively moderate religion.

I assume the devil is the only opposing enemy, but since they really don't exist, there should be no problem" (Celestine)

Well, if there is only one religion, there should no problem, or would there be big problems?

"Well, will new religions be made or the current religion be made obsolete?" (Kaoru)

"No, I don't really care, because there's no other God.

I am the only one of this race who existed since ancient times.

For their convenience, I'm allowing some adjustments and freedom.

Even if a new religion is made, and to them there seems to be a new god

It would only exist because I have not denied it yet.

Well, I occasionally issue “Oracles” to help humans avert a catastrophe or something like that.

My existence and role are irrelevant to faith, but if it is a good teaching to support the lives of people, it would be better for me to play as a fictional goddess.

However, the current religion doesn’t have that much of a big power anymore.

There’s no opposing power like a stagnation spreading, catastrophe or disaster for them to spread their influence.

Even if it is lost, there should be no problem.

In the first place, 50 years have already passed since I last gave an oracle.

But even now, it seems that they sometimes vomit “a new oracle” or something along those lines of a lie.

Ah, now I got angry.

Just you wait, in a few hundred years, I will drop a goddess’ punishment...” (Celestine)

No, no, no, wait a moment! If you do it, please do it later where I do not know!

“Well, the next question.

In some circumstances, if the skills or thoughts from earth spreads and it affects at a large scale or even the movings of this world...” (Kaoru)

“Well, I don’t care, I’m working with stability in time and space.

I don’t plan to do anything with the civilization of this world.

So if a lot of the living beings seem to die meaninglessly, I would like to help or to just kill some time.

Although I do have some influence on civilization.

But I don’t care at all about trying to induce the civilization itself in a specific direction.

To that point, anything affecting the lives in the world and makes their lives easier, it would make you a fine pioneer.

It will be fine, wouldn’t it?” (Celestine)

If you think so, you should do it yourself, too. Well, that would be a common topic with god... Ah, I will tell her so.

“Well, how about you’d frequently appear to handle it?” (Kaoru)

“No, it’s a very troublesome thing.

It’s a tough task because I don’t love nor do I care about living things so much.

I don’t want to put up with it.” (Celestine)

“Well, but if your Senpai god knows that you are doing your best to do the same thing like him...

I wonder if he would be happy and proud as your Senpai.

He will also want to make a connection with you, and when he faces any trouble, he would come for a consultation...” (Kaoru)

“That’s it! Oh, why didn’t I notice it, I’m such an idiot!

Thank you, I will be ready to help out humans immediately!” (Celestine)

Even if you only want to have a conversation with the Senpai God, don’t you?

But if the administrator of this world is trying her best, then why not?

It will be easier for humans.

“Last question...

you don’t have to answer if you don’t want it, because I am just interested.

Well, are the Gods and Goddesses who manage the planets,... are they like human beings?

Well, I think that you are a high-ranking creature with a dimension far different from humans...

But the feelings of the Goddess or God, are somewhat close to human beings...

I’m sorry if I’m making you upset, but I really want to ask you even if you can’t answer...” (Kaoru)

I needed the courage to ask and listen to it, but even if I heard it, there’s no merit at all, but I couldn’t help it.

Otherwise, I am going to be unable to convince God’s treatment of me for various reasons. And I can no longer enjoy my new life.

Besides, it also concerns my last “wish”

“I see... Well, I don’t mind.

Then, let me briefly explain.

If you don’t understand us, it can’t be helped that you will be curious” (Celestine)

Apparently, she agrees to tell me. But the Goddess’s expression became serious somehow.

“Indeed, we are quite different living beings from you, humans.
We don’t have fixed body forms, my personality aside, my figure right now is only a provisional figure worn by human beings.
Also, the thought and the thinking speeds are different from you.
And the feeling of time is also different, as we are long-lived.
For that reason, even as I’m talking to you right now, parts of my consciousness are thinking in parallel.
One part is devoted to the management of this world.
At the same time, another part is investigating the distortions in the time and space, etc...
One part lowers its thinking speed to the limit, lowers the intelligence level to the limit and matches to you.
But, to be honest, it’s pretty fun.
If I must name it as an expression that you understand,
um – yeah, that’s right.
In a sense, the “me” here is somewhat like an infant or a passionate idiot, who has a simple mind that finds interest in one thing and blind to other things.
The “me” here finds talking to you is fun, while other branches of a higher intelligence level are managing the planet.
Ah, the respect for that person is true for my whole existence.
I think that the “me” here was supposed to have a strong feeling for that person because of that influence.
Well, we are the same individual after all.
The part, who is the administrator of that planet is also a part of that person.
The same goes for me.
That’s why that person was seriously facing you in his present state and promised to give you all those things.
To be honest, I think that it is a little overkill, but that’s also what wonderful about that person.
Therefore, I want to respect that intention and give you what you need as he requested” (Celestine)

After finishing saying all of that, it seemed that the serious expression of the goddess returned to the original warm feeling.

Maybe in order to tell that story “She slightly raised her intelligence level” ?

Otherwise, the difference from the previous conversation and this one was way too big.

And if she always had a high intelligence level, it would have been impossible for me to get an item box.

Or is it her “Service” while she was fully aware of it?

Well, I will do my best with the girl who is in front of me right now!

“Okay, I did not understand everything, but it seems that I feel that I somewhat like it. Thank you very much, I heard everything I’d like to hear, then the last request is...”
(Kaoru)

I swallowed saliva and said those word.

“Well, please become my friend!” (Kaoru)

The goddess blushed and opened her mouth halfway.

Well, because I have no friends in this world! Even on Earth, I only have two friends!

Chapter 3

Tentatively in the potion!

For a moment, I felt relieved, but I endured it with a foot stretching.

Alright, Yoshi, I've gotten used to it!

Well, This is what is called a "different world".

Uhm, it seems to be called Vernie.

After that, Celes (Goddess Celestine's nickname) accept to become my friend with great pleasure.

And she holds me up for a while, complains about a lot of things, various strategies to approach "that one"

Finally, I'm freed and released to this world.

It seems only when she did that explanation, her intelligence became higher.

After that, she was completely returned to the flower garden.

Let's see. Apparently, this place seems to be a small hill, with some sparsely grown trees around,

this place is quite high so I can see quite far ahead.

There are some buildings from afar, even they don't have walls surrounded.

I should be aiming at that settlement first

But before that, I need to confirm my body function, I need to check it properly.

If there is a defect, initial malfunction, I will file a complaint against Ceres.

At that time, I will complain and request additional services!

That is why I looked up and jumped, I took a look at my body and touched on various results.

Apparently, it seems to be my body properly when I was 15 years old.

I can't check the face because there is no mirror, but it seems that there is no problem in the visible range and the touched range.

No, it will be fine even if my body hasn't been accurately reproduced.

For example, physical strength and muscular strength are increased or the area around the chest is strengthened, I don't mind if you make those mistakes, Baka Celes!

I don't feel that it has changed since they should be a couple of centimeters when I was 15 years old.

I guess I was about 157 cm.

Weight was a bit heavy in old days.

It was because club activities and eating were more important than body maintenance, then, I did not think about dieting...

It was young. (Anxiety)

So, the problem is my asset.

Well, at the age of 22, I could say I was as much as B, but sadly now it is completely A. No, it's rare value!

This is the status symbol of some 20 years old people on Earth!

Ceres was also there.

You got it all right, right?

I wonder if that's why Celes was so glad to become my friend?

Ah, thinking about it, her figure can change freely.

Wait for a second, let's calm down first.

It isn't the time yet, I'm only 15 years old right now...

The confirmation of my body is over.

Next ability check.

For the time being, the most important is the potion maker skill.

I will put my right hand out and try to remember it in my head.

(Sports drink taste, physical fitness restorative, come out!) (Kaoru)

After a moment there was a bottle that looked like a certain famous sports drink on the right hand.

I take off the cover and drink, it is a bit sour taste of sports drink.

Because I was not tired, the recovery effect is unknown, but I trust Ceres about this for now.

Of course, it is the item box to check next!

(Item box, open!) (Kaoru)

I devote my right hand to the air in my mind.

Although it doesn't have to be distinguished.

Since this is the first I using item box, I want to try to be cool in a sense. (Chuuni)

My hand entered the space without anything, and inventory list emerged in the head.

"Out of stock"

...Yeah, I knew it.

But it was okay if you mistake putting something in here, Ceres.

Well, I do not mind... at all of you make a mistake here.

No, I have not been disappointed at all.

Not that I thought that it contains various kinds of tools such as god swords and useful tools. I'm telling the truth.

Next time meeting, I will tell Ceres about the story of a gold pika and the story of a blue cat that can be stored thing in his pocket.

Language skill can't be confirmed unless I meet humans.

Okay, let 's aim for the settlement first.

If I go down the hill appropriately I will see the highway or something.

Kaoru stretched her body and walked towards the bottom of the hill when lightly pounding the pants.

Clothes, shoes etc were dressed by Ceres by this world standard.

Well, if I get thrown out naked , I will be troubled.

I'm glad to have precaution and asks Ceres.

Yes, really. I really felt it. It is dangerous.

After I started walking for a while, I noticed small animals like squirrel were staring at me from the tree branches.

“Hey there, the squirrel on that tree, is this the way to the town where humans live?”
(Kaoru)

With a casual saying and laughing, the little animal replied.

“Yeah, that’s right. Go straight” (Squirrel)

“Oh, thanks a lot, I was saved!” (Kaoru)

“Well, that’s good!” (Squirrel)

After continuing walking silently for a while, Kaoru stopped and put both hands on one tree.

And she struck her head on the tree as she was.

“Conversation and reading and writing in all languages. Conversation and reading and writing in all languages!” (Kaoru) (Raw repeat it twice)

Ceres... , the choice of where to put in the service is strange!

I didn’t need to talk or write such small animal’s letters.

I thought about write letters but I got scared so I stopped thinking about it for the time being.

The sun has been leaning a lot.

It seems that it will take a while to reach the town that was visible.

It was a while since I travel and it seemed to be safe without incident, but it was quite far from then.

If you look from a high place, there are quite a distance even if you can see it.

I have the knowledge but is this...?

Because I really love books, I have read various books, I am familiar with mathematics.

In the school, I also choose the science subjects, I deeply respected the mad scientists that love science, and for research, they don’t regret it even if they sacrifice everything...

I don’t intend to do so myself.

On the way, I was thirsty and tired, so I tried drinking a recovery potion several times. My tiredness was recover and my thirst was also subsided.

(But... even on Earth, there are also drinks that relieve yourself from tiredness. The name is... fatigue flies with pon, Hirobo...) (Kaoru)

Because somehow became frightened, Kaoru stopped thinking.

(There are no side effects, right?) (Kaoru)

But if you drop me near the city I won't need to walk this far!

After all, it is dangerous to leave things to Ceres.

There is no offense, but her criteria for judgment are a bit strange.

Well, since her scale of all criteria are different from humans, It can't be helped.

From now on, I will do my best on my own.

Anyway, I stroked my chests that I was dedicated to fixing clothes by myself.

Somehow I got stuck with what I could stroke with no resistance at all. (Ceres no Baka)

When the sun (or so it calls) sank down, Kaoru arrived at the town at last.

It was on the verge of being completely dark and barely see anything.

There's no wall, there's no gatekeeper either.

Apparently, the access is free.

Well, in a small local town which isn't the capital or a big city, there is no strategic value, various construction costs and maintenance costs to surrounding the entire circumference with a high wall, various kinds of expenses such as labor cost necessary for guarding the gate.

Because I will be troubled if I'm told that an identification card is required to enter and exit the town. So I appreciated this.

Kaoru created 4 potions to sell before entering the town.

3 blue pot s and 1 yellow pot.

All are Healing potions.

She wanted to make a little more, but Kaoru was empty hand and she didn't have any bag.

It is obviously unnatural to keep a potion in your hands, and it's problematic to show

the item box suddenly without knowing the situation.

In the end, 2 potions are stored in the left pocket and 2 potions in the right pocket, the total limit is 4 potions.

Blue pot is a so-called lower rank potion, and it can heal some wound such as cuts, bruises, etc

Yellow is the intermediate level, it can heal internal organs damage, fracture and so on.

Red is an advanced potion, it can make the body anew even if it is a life-threatening situation.

But for now, I only make blue and yellow potions.

I decided that Red will be for a serious situation later.

For now, it is good to have enough money to have dinner and bed today, so I don't need to take unnecessary risks.

Kaoru entered the town and confirmed the fee at the inn located near central streets. As soon as she heard the price.

She's heading to a place arrange a job for Hunter, Hunter Guild.

The price of the inn was four silver coins with dinner and breakfast included.

(Well, if a silver coin is about 1000 yen or so, the Blue Potion will be sold with 1 silver coin, the Yellow Potion will be about 5 silver coins.

Or if at least I will sell everything with 5 silver coins, I will be okay tonight) (Kaoru)

And I arrived at the building, a building that anyone will know it's hunter guild.

Marks are designed with swords and spear intersected, hunter guild signs and also written in letters.

Alright, I can read it.

Because the sun has fallen.

And this is medieval time so the road quite dark and every house are closing their doors.

Perhaps they are only working or coming out of their houses during the daytime.

Well, it's kind of hard to enter.
But if I don't enter it, I won't have tonight's accommodation fee and dinner...
I ready my heart and open the door.
In the mind, I shouting let's go but actually I just silently open the door.

But there's a doorbell attached to the door, it made a loud noise with the "Karan Karan", and the gaze in the guild concentrated on the entrance.
The busy hours of reception have passed, most of the windows (reception booth) are uninhabited and only one is open.

Night window, is it? Nobody is in line.

The other side is prosperous.
Many hunter-like people are chatting with food and drinks with a lot of arranged tables.
There seems to be a counter that provides dishes and drinks on the back.
Yeah, it's such a facility.

The gaze at the moment was on me, and when I caught a glimpse of them, everyone quickly returned their eyes and returned to chat.

Well, here I thought I will be a scene called "Hey, this is not where women's children come"

Or "Hey, Ojo-chan, come over here and join us a little" or something like that?

Do they ignore me?
No, actually I don't want you to get involved, but how should I say it,...
uhm... a woman's pride, I feel like it was scrapped...

No, nothing!
For now, I will quietly go to the open window.
Maybe because I came over at night.
The receptionist lady who seems to be deadly tired.
No, I do not want to be told "My eyes are so tired, I don't want to work"

Since there are no other open windows, I must ask her.

"Uhm, excuse me!" (Kaoru)

I was stared at!

But I can not withdraw here.

It is lodging and dinner.

Because I drank a lot of potion, my stomach is full of liquid, I want to eat proper solids meal, and I want a fluffy bed.

“Well, will you buy the potion here?” (Kaoru)

“Huh?” (Receptionist)

Ah oh...

“Potion, what medicine? If it’s medicine, you should sell it to a pharmacist or a doctor. Why are you bringing it to the hunter guild?” (Receptionist)

...depressed*

I see, the potions were purchase or sell here...

But then, at least step next!

“I’m sorry, I just came to this country and I don’t know anything...

I can not eat or stay without selling this...

Um, where are the pharmacist and the doctor...?” (Kaoru)

“Both of them aren’t open at such a time, and the doctor is absent for a while traveling around other villages

and the pharmacist has gone to his daughter who got married to the neighboring town, something like a grandchild was born.

Well I think he will come back tomorrow or the day after tomorrow” (Receptionist)

Ah oh... , I’m finished...

Kaoru crumbled down on the spot.

Both dinner and fluffy bed are out.

Why didn’t you prepare several pieces of silver coins, Ceres!

...The answer is simple. “Because she is Ceres”

Baka Baka Aho! Tears drop!

And then the receptionist somehow help Kaoru, but whether she had a mind of mercy or she was quite like a cute little girl like Kaoru is unknown.

“Well, I guess it can not be helped.

Until now tomorrow morning, I will be helping you with my authority.

Because I am an honorable official staff I allow you to stay,

But I’m telling you it is only tonight!

Even if you are crying in the next day, there will no next time!” (Receptionist)

“Yes, please!” (Kaoru)

Those who drown also grab the straw (beggar can’t be chooser). Kaoru was desperate.

“Well, first of all, I will lend you a folding bed for an emergency nap of an official,

but you can’t put it in the staff only area, so please sleep at any corner of it.

Don’t complain about the board is stiff or the blanket is thin because I will beat you if you say it!” (Receptionist)

“Yes, please!” (Kaoru)

“Next is the meal, but I’m not going to lend you money, You must manage it yourself.

I will allow special temporary business so you can sell the potions to the others hunters who are drinking over there.

Earn meal fee by yourself like: rub other shoulders, taking care of them, etc.

Another way is dividing the cooking directly... However!” (Receptionist)

The lucky receptionist slammed the counter with Don*.

“However, since prostitution is absolutely unforgivable!

If you do such a thing, you will also be kicked out of here and the man who bought it will be half killed, so remember well!” (Receptionist)

I was stared directly by her burning eyes.

Even I can talk like normal with God or Ceres, but this isn’t an opponent I can say no.

In a hurry, I lowered my head and thanked her, I quickly flew to the eating and drinking section.

If doctors and pharmacists are absent, there is plenty of chance to sell potions.

Meanwhile, in the eating and drinking section, the shouting of the receptionist is heard aloud.

Whether they plan to do it or not.

After hearing that sound, no hunters dare to do something even if this pretty little girl or plan to sell herself.

Her age seems to be 15 years old, but it is only for the Japanese to the last.

Westerners 12 to 13 years old and they already look like Japanese high school students, and they may even look like college students sometimes.

Of course, the opposite is also established, and Japanese adult Japanese women are often seen as lolita in Westerners' eyes.

And Kaoru was seen here around 10 to 12 years old. Of course, she was lucky because the Receptionist saw her so.

If she thinks that Kaoru is 15 years old as an adult in this world, Kaoru may not have had such warm compassion.

If you are an adult, do something about it yourself, put up with the night hunger and sleep at the eaves.

After all, Lolita and Bishoji have a lot of benefits anywhere in the world.

Chapter 4

Potion Musou!

“Uhm, would you like to buy a healing potion?

A blue potion that can heal any wound with only one silver coin

or a yellow potion that can heal any internal damage or fractures, it's only five silver coins!” (Kaoru)

Even the hunters also want to help Kaoru, but they all have bitter smiles on their face. With a silver coin, they can drink 3 to 4 mug of Ale.

With another coin, they can buy a sufficient amount of meals and drinks.

No matter how much motivated they are, they can't spend a silver coin on medicine made with weed grass medicinal herbs that a loli carries around.

But there was no sign of selling at all even though Kaoru thinks her pricing was cheap.

Why can't I sell it?

Apparently, some hunters are hurt.

Are you planning on saving money by using recovery magic later?

Well, if I think about it, only when the party goes out and there isn't a healer in your party that you need to rely on healing potion.

If you have a healer, it would be easier to rely on him to manage party health.

In case you are in town, the healing cost will be cheaper because there are the professional healers that stay in their shop and in town they don't need to worry about MP.

Maybe the wound can be healed at a price of about 1 cup of alcohol at the town or something.

Then, was the price I set too high?

No, but hunters that go for a hunt will need potions when going out.

If I make it too cheap, I will have problems with various things.

What should I do...

A middle-aged hunter called out to Kaoru that was wondering.

“Hey, Young Lady.

Do you think you can rub my right leg?

I get injured some time ago, and my right leg is getting sore when the weather change.

I’m sorry for my alcohol breath for a young lady like you.

But I will give you a reward,

uhm... How about two sausages?” (Hunter A)

“That... I will do it!” (Kaoru)

Kaoru is up for it right away.

She has confidence since she has been giving her father and mother a massage from time to time.

Because the middle age hunter is about the same age as her father, Kaoru feels no repulsion at all.

It’s just the same as doing it to her father.

I do not know if this hunter just tries to make an excuse and let me have something to eat or not.

Anyway, I will thank him by giving him a proper massage for his right leg.

For some reason, he feels really comfortable.

See him like that, other hunters are fidgeting, they begin to ask as well.

“I’m next! Please give me a shoulder massage, I will give you two bird skewers” (Hunter B)

“Please give me a back massage, I will give you a boar meat’s steak!” (Hunter C)

“Hey you guys, all your pay is only food!

I will give you a grape juice!

What do you think?

It’s far more valuable than those dishes they offer!” (Hunter D)

“Damn, then here is fruit!

You can choose whatever you like!

Ah, but the peach is useless, it is too much for you!” (Hunter E)

“Ku~, damn! Don’t get ahead of yourself, I will give her the peaches!” (Hunter F)

“U...” (Kaoru)

The food and drink corner suddenly becoming somewhat noisy and the Receptionist lady gently raised her eyebrows.

It seems her mouth is lifted a little.

After a while, the Hunters reach an agreement that it isn’t good to pay Kaoru with food or drink anymore.

So the payment now isn’t food or drink but copper coins.

When Kaoru is happy with the reward changing to coins, she happily helps the hunters for a while

And then the door of the guild was suddenly forcibly opened.

“Someone, bring me to the doctor, he got seriously injured!

Please ask the clinic to open immediately!” (Female Hunter)

A female hunter in the middle twentieth or late half rushed in and cried out loud.

A moment later, a good-looking middle-aged man about 30 years old carried a blood-covered man around 20 years old, they’re all equipped with a sword and armor so they must be the vanguards.

“He got hurt by Gray Bear! Hurry up, please bring me the doctor!” (Male Hunter)

The Male hunter who carried the injured man shouting.

This is an emergency situation, the Receptionist lady also left the counter with a serious look on her face. But what she said...

“I’m sorry, the doctor is currently traveling to other villages and he is not going back for a while.

The pharmacist is also in the neighboring town and it’s unknown whether he will return tomorrow or later.

Any hunters have knowledge about first aid treatment or medicinal herbs, please help us.

We must at least help him somehow” (Receptionist)

The hunters on that party's expression become despair with those words. Even if anyone saw it, it was obvious that it was not an injury that some amateurs can help. They only lay down the injured person on a table with a blanket and stand out stuttering.

"What are you guys doing?
Why don't you cast healing quickly!
Why aren't any healer willing to help him.
Besides, if you don't have the healing spell, then please offer an advanced potion on hand because his life is in danger!
You can worry about payment or something else later.
Why are you just standing there?
Hey, hey!" (Kaoru)

To Kaoru which began to shout suddenly, people can not understand what she said and keep standing there.

"E~ei, I will do it then!" (Kaoru)

Pushing away other hunters who stand in the way, Kaoru comes next to the table where the injured man lay down.
Since the armor was already removed.
She pulls out the knife from the waist of the middle-aged man in his party standing nearby without permission, and start cutting the clothes.
Blood continued to flow from the exposed wound.

"Hey,... Hey..." (Man)

Ignore the voice of the confused man. There is no time to explain right now.

"Someone, bring me the most powerful wine here! Hurry!" (Kaoru)

Several people came running to the food counter and brought a bottle of wine immediately.
When Kaoru took it, she drinks it in her mouth and spits in the man's wound.
The injured man who had lost consciousness until now scooped up and screamed.
That's painful.
But it's better than dying!

No one else around her can move so she is trying her best.
Then Kaoru took out one potion from the pocket.
It's a Yellow Potion.
Then she hands it over to the female hunter.

"Let he drinks it. There is only one yellow, please don't spill it!" (Kaoru)

Even if she wanted to say something but when she saw the expression of the imminent Kaoru, the female hunter silently nods and received a yellow potion.

And then she moves the head of the injured person and helps him get up, after that she put the yellow potion in his mouth.
She grabs his chin, open his mouth and pour the potion in the mouth.
She can only pour a little inside.

Then she repeated twice and three times, all the yellow potion was poured into the throat of the injured man.

At the same time, Kaoru poured the blue potion directly into the wound.
She spits wine before to disinfect.
Now she applies the blue potion directly to the wound itself.

After pouring the first blue potion and think it isn't enough, Kaoru pours the second one into the wound.
The potions took effect immediately.

The blue potions slowly close his wound and stop the bleeding.
The yellow potion will heal any internal organs damaged if he has.
It also regenerates the lost blood.
The face of the injured man slowly recovers from pale to normal.
His fast breathing also becomes stable.

Because he got seriously injured and it's been some time so he lost a lot of blood.
It was a life-threatening situation.
If Kaoru prepared a red potion beforehand, she would use it.

But she somehow saves his life with the Yellow Potion.

Blue potions directly applied to the wound was also effective.

After that, everyone has a look at the injured man's condition, they understand that he was saved.

The female hunter is hugging the injured male, who she thought that she would lose him forever.

And the middle-aged man is stunned and fell down to the floor.

I was distracted by injured male and did not notice, but the middle-aged man also had quite a deep injury on his left arm.

Blood is still flowing out.

Were he is carrying that injured man with this arm,

Kaoru is admiring the toughness and mental strength of this middle age man.

However, he is still bleeding.

Besides, if this is a deep wound, it will take a considerable amount of time for complete recovery.

In the worst case, it will not be completely healed and leave some after effects.

For such cool middle-aged man to become like that.

Kaoru can't accept it.

He is a treasure of mankind.

Kaoru silently presented the last piece of the blue potion to that man.

"Oi, young lady!

You don't need to use this precious medicine.

This level of injury is nothing..." (Male Hunter)

"Shut up, drink it now!" (Kaoru)

"...O~ ou!" (Male Hunter)

He was stared at intensely by Kaoru, and the middle-aged man received the potion obediently and drank it.

The deep wound on his shoulder was healed immediately.

Some hunters in the guild muttered when everyone is silent.

"It's a miracle..." (Hunter G)

The next moment, the hall exploded with cheers.

“Ooooooooooooooooooooo!!!” (A lot of hunters)

“Young lady, young lady, young lady !!!” (A lot of hunters)

“To think I ask you to massage my legs! What am I doing...” (Hunter A)

“No, you helped me who was hungry, I’m thankful. There is no problem!” (Kaoru)

“What a fool am I, why didn’t I buy that medicine with a silver coin?” (Hunter ?)

Hunters keep shouting and surrounding Kaoru. It is a hell picture.

Even if there’s an angel here.



Chapter 5

Story is different!

Kaoru was confused.

The story is different.

Yes, it is different from what she heard from Celes.

When she noticed that the story was different, Kaoru thought.

“Oh, this. Ceres is the weird one” (Kaoru)

I got an answer instantly without any other information and without reconfirming.

Reason for that is simple.

Well, of course, there is a perfect reason to convince anyone.

That’s because it’s Celes.

How is it? Perfect?

There is no room to doubt.

I thought it was strange.

Even though the hunter gets life-threatening injuries, no one casts healing magic.

Nobody sells potions.

Everyone makes a fuss at the lower level potion and middle-level potion I used.

Celes clearly said: “Magic, monsters, and hunters exist”

So I thought that the hunter is equal to the adventurer.

Well, that was not so far off.

There are certainly ferocious beasts called monsters.

The problem is magic.

There was magic in this world.

That was true, as Celes said.

However what I thought was “There are magicians and clerics at hunter’s party, using attack magic, auxiliary magic, recovery magic, etc.”

or “I use my magic item or a medium as a catalyst to cast magic” Or something like that.

Yes, “Hunter” and “Hunter Guild” play a similar role as “Adventurer” and “Adventurer Guild” like the story on earth, such as material collection, mission, escort request, etc.

However, there is no magic.

There is no magic at all!

The battle is all physical.

Using spear, sword, ax, bow, and arrow, various others.

It is completely the same as the history of the earth.

Magic is something that some countries research and a scholar learn it for a lifetime. Until just before the death of old age, all they can do is: “I can make a few ml of water from my hand”

or “light a candle with the fire from the fingertips”

That was magic in this world, the number of scholars that can use it is only a few in ten of thousands!!

Celes, why did you say “there was magic” if it’s only that kind of level !!!

Ha ha ha...

Certainly, it seems that there is no magic what was practically used.

For example, the ability for dragon to breath fire.

The ability for the dragon to fly with that kind of body and wings.

The invincible defense power of the dragon from its scale.

It’s all a dragon!... miserable!!

That is information that I heard variously from the hunters.

Treatment was like Medieval Earth: drinking medicine made from herbal medicine, medicine for fracture, splints with big scar with needle and thread.

Of course, there is no potion in this world.
And conclusion.

...I GONE AND DONE IT NOW.

A magical drug of the miracle that doesn't exist in this world.
The curative effect of wonder.
A helpless little girl without any history behind can build.
I wonder what happen will if this info gets out?

Let's get away for the time being.

Next morning.
The hunter guild's main hall.
At one side of one wall is the reception desk.
The food and drink corner is on the other side.
There is a kitchen in the back.

The office work of the guild seems to be on the upper floor.
So all staff members are sleeping there.
And this main hall on the first floor.
It is in a chaotic state, which has not been cleaned up from yesterday's stupid event yet.
Some hunters awake and suffer from a headache, some are still standing at the table, some are sleeping on the floor, etc.

Kaoru was sleeping at a corner of the wall.
After waking up, she cleans up the bed.
Yes, I only clean up the bed.
Foodservice corner?
I don't know such a thing.

By the way, as a proper Japanese adult, Kaoru always work on time or 5 minutes sooner, she can't stand being loose in time.
She had asked Celes to make a watch.
It's not a brand name watch but it won't break even if you hit with a steel pole.
It can withstand water pressure up to 100 m.

Solar rechargeable so there is no need to worry about running out of batteries.

Anyway, it is made by the goddess.

The display time is in accordance with the rotation of this world, and of course, there is also an alarm clock so I won't oversleep.

I didn't drink alcohol, so I had plenty of time to think after collecting information last night.

Conclusion. Get away from here quickly!

That's why, after I cleaned up my bed in the morning.

I said my thanks to the kitchen staff and various people.

If I have enough time, I will have a look around the city and run away... but only the idea is sweet.

Apparently, I had been marked during the night.

I caught it as soon as I finished clearing up the bed.

"Brat, are you Kaoru?" (Soldier) (Kaoru is called with kisama)

I was late...

Five men armed with armor and sword.

There's one man with slightly better equipment that seems to be a leader.

This is a gang group, working under a powerful person and name themselves security guards.

Last night, I found someone who wasn't very drunk and asked various things about this town.

Information is money, information is life.

So, the lord of this town and some villages in the vicinity is a baron.

He seems to be a typical aristocracy that raises the heavy tax, love money and do any necessary for career advancement.

And all citizen around here hates this lord.

Well, I can hardly imagine the aristocrats to be liked by the commoners.

Baron is the lowest aristocrat except for the knight which is the last ranking and can't govern the land.

His family was his wife, two sons, and one daughter.

He knew about what happened last night, he was delighted about the opportunities for money making in his land and this was...

5 soldiers for one girl, isn't this too much?

Well, maybe they're wary of hunters getting in the way and me trying to escape?

"What do you want? I have been told by my mother that I shouldn't talk with strangers even if they give me candy" (Kaoru)

"Na~..." (Soldier)

A man who seems to be a leader staring at Kaoru.

"The lord calling, come quietly!" (Soldier)

"But I'm not a citizen here.

I will obey the lord at where I live

But why do I have to obey someone else who has nothing to do with me?

For me, he is nothing than a lord of an unknown land.

He is an unknown person, he is just trying to bring a girl to his house, and even letting his subordinates do it, not he himself..." (Kaoru)

Too many words, blood rise above the men's head.

"This... this brat..." (Soldier)

The soldier raises his voice, hunters begin to notice and start gathering around.

"Chi~, come!" (Soldier)

"Ah..." (Kaoru)

The soldier grips Kaoru's hand, and forcibly pulled her out of the guild.

Even if the Hunters want to stop, but the opponent is soldiers who are under the direct control of the lord, they are moving by orders of the lord.

Nobody could do anything, only standing to see the men take Kaoru away.

(Well, isn't right now a good time to escape?) (Kaoru)

But for some reason, Kaoru doesn't escape, is she is worried that she will be killed or afraid of the soldiers? is she waiting for a chance to escape, Or...

Kaoru gently lifted the edge of her mouth (*T.N: Grind* or Smirk**)

"Oh, soldier, please don't touch that!" (Kaoru)

Kaoru began to follow the soldiers quietly by herself, she asked the leader who grabbed her left hand so.

"Ah. This? what is this...?" (Soldier)

Since Kaoru began to follow him, the leader now loses his power a little. He only holds Kaoru lightly while keeping his guards instead of dragging her around. As he heard Kaoru say that, he asked back.

"It's expensive, It cost more than a few gold coins" (Kaoru)

The Kaoru showed him the watch and said so.

"A few gold coins!" (Soldier)

When he looks closely, it's an unusual jewelry item that he has not seen before. The man smirks.

"If it's such an important thing, I'll keep it." (Soldier)

The man forcibly took away the wristwatch from the Kaoru ignored Kaoru's complain, and put it to his pocket. Kaoru becomes sadly depressed.

(Well, it's an extraordinary income. Of course, he will act like that...) (Kaoru)

And the leader stopped smiling. We arrived at a manor house.

Although among aristocrats, Baron is the lowest except knight. He shouldn't have enough money to build a manor like this.

And was it necessary to have this prosperous appearance?

Kaoru was brought into the house and was guided to a place like a reception room. The soldiers handed Kaoru over to the servants in front of the room and left.

“We have brought Kaoru-sama” (Servant)

An employee who takes over Kaoru told the interior, and bring Kaoru into the room.

In the room, there are two young men one around 20 years old and another one around 16 years old,

a girl around 13-14 years old.

A fat man seems to be the baron himself and a wife-like woman.

It may be due to the luxury life and lack of exercise that everyone is a bit overweight or is it a genetic? Everyone’s face seems round...

However, I remember the situation and keep that comment in my head.

“You finally came, Kaoru” (Baron)

The Baron smiles.

No, it feels somewhat disgusting.

However, this is a big service.

After all, a noble’s family welcomes a commoner citizen.

Moreover, this baron is known as someone who doesn’t treat commoners well.

“I’m grateful for your invitation, Sir Baron” (Kaoru)

Kaoru returns words with courtesy. She remembers this when she watches the movie before.

“Ho ho, this is...

Sit down there, welcome to our mansion” (Baron)

Baron is quite surprised with Kaoru’s courtesy but still remember to have a full smile and tries to sweet talk with Kaoru.

Baron got a report last night.

A hunter's party got attacked by a brown bear and one male hunter is heavy injured. Well, it's not something he cares about. But the report also says that there's a magical medicine to cure the heavy wound in an instant. Besides, that medicine was brought by a little girl who seems to have no backup.

He doesn't really believe it.

But what if it's true?

It will be an opportunity to gain a huge amount of money, no, it isn't just that. A drug that instantly recovers those who are about to die.

Just thinking, how much money will the aristocrat who has been injured during the fighting or accident willing to pay, or he may even add conditions for appealing...

He may even appeal to the Royalty.

He might be promoted.

A high rank like Marquis will not just a dream anymore!

More fortune is that girl appeared in his territory!

Luck is smiling with him.

And right now, that girl is in front of his eyes.

Without being afraid, she returns with a courtesy thanks and sits down.

He heard that there were four medicines.

Not just one, she had four, and she tried to sell it at a ridiculously low price.

That means that there will be more medicines and they are easy to obtain.

If he can get the recipe, production means and monopolize the recipe for that medicine!

Usually, he will use force to get it.

But this time is troublesome, what if this girl doesn't have sufficient information or she dies easily with torture.

Besides, it will be trouble for the producer mean if this girl turns out to be a daughter of a doctor.

If any harm comes to her, her father may not co-op with him.

So for now, it's a good idea to treat her in a friendly manner and to get the info.

This girl is only a daughter of a commoner, but he tells his wife and children to treat her gently, so it would be fine.

That's what Kaoru's guess from the baron's mood.
And it was roughly correct.
While enjoying tea and expensive sweets for a while.
The Baron entered the main subject while suppressing his impatient heart.

"By the way, Kaoru, that medicine that you had,... Where did you get that, did you get it directly from the person who made it?" (Baron)

It finally comes. Kaoru already prepared the answer for that question beforehand...

"Ah, I made it myself" (Kaoru)

"Ee~e!!!" (Baron's family)

Not only the Baron but also his families when heard the story beforehand gave a surprised voice.

"Made it by yourself..." (Baron)

"Yes, my father who was a pharmacist lived in the mountains with abundant materials. And I have been making medicine and studying it all the time. Because my father passed away, I came to this town. It was about 5 years old that I started living in the mountains, and I can not understand the city at all" (Kaoru)

The baron was about to collapse with too much pleasure.
Producer of medicine!
A girl without any family left or anyone's back up!
The manufacturing method that hasn't leaked anywhere yet! !

"Well, can you make that medicine here..." (Baron)

To the little trembling Baron, Kaoru responds quietly.

"No, it's impossible" (Kaoru)

"Why, why?" (Baron)

The Baron from talking gently changed to shouting out loud as he heard Kaoru said

that.

“That’s because the tools necessary to make the medicine were robbed” (Kaoru)

“When, where, and who robbed you?” (Baron)

“The person who brought me here earlier” (Kaoru)

“Call Rish! Right now !!” (Baron)

The baron shouted loudly.

Yeah yeah, I will stir it.

To disturb the security...

Just according to the plan.

Chapter 6

Great Escape

As the Baron called, man named Rish was brought in. Of course, he is the leader of those soldier before.

“Baron-sama, what do you need me for...?” (Soldier)

“Shut up! Give back what you robbed from this girl, now!” (Baron)

His extra income is lost. he glared at Kaoru but as the Baron already gives order, he can't help but return it. He takes out the item he robbed from Kaoru from his pocket and handed it over to the Baron.

“This is it, right ?” (Baron)

Kaoru takes the watch from the baron and after gazing at it carefully...

“Ah, This is certainly it, but... it has been broken” (Kaoru)

“No, no~o...” (Baron)

The Baron's face that was turning red from anger, now changed to blue. Rish isn't sure about the circumstances so he keeps standing in silent. Actually, the jewelry hasn't broke nor taken apart.

And Kaoru dropped a bomb.

“There must be a person who doesn't want Baron-sama to have the medicine. After the captain takes it away, he also destroys it just to make sure of this. So when Baron-sama got hurt, it will be hard to cure him. Such an awful person he is. How can he do something like that. No-one will have any benefit if Baron-sama got hurt...” (Kaoru)

As Kaoru says that, she is looking at Rodolf, the eldest son.

Rodolf who was glared at by Kaoru, blinked for a moment. But he immediately noticed the meaning of her word and changed his complexion.

“What exactly are you trying to imply...” (Rodolf)

And when the Baron looks at Rodolf and the only thing that entered his eyes was the appearance of his eldest son shaking with a blue face.

Rodolf is shaking as if Kaoru’s remark spots on.

Yes, if the Baron dies, his eldest son Rodolf will inherit the family and becomes the next Baron.

Rodolf, his eldest son may have a sense of crisis as the Baron seems to favor his second son.

Rodolf also invited his little brother to go hunt for the first time in the next week...

In a room wrapped up in heavy silence.

It was uncomfortable.

And Kaoru breaks the silent.

“Excuse me, can I go home already?” Kaoru)

There was no way they could let Kaoru go. She was invited to stay at the guest room. Now, Kaoru will repair the artifact and of course, she doesn’t forget to get permission from the Baron to prepare the necessary items from the maid.

After getting in the room, Kaoru put the cloth on the door knob to prevent peeping from the keyhole. And she start relaxing inside.

She leaves the curtain of the window open.

The guest room is on the 2nd floor, even if she leaves the curtain open, she still can’t be seen unless the other person climbs the window.

For now, I asked the maid to bring some tools, such as scissors and file.

Even I should get it when I run away, but I have no money, so I should do something like this.

I asked a lot of food, such as sweets and sausages.

It’s almost time for me to have lunch. I don’t eat much when I have lunch with the Baron so I asked the maid to bring it to me.

Of course, not to eat but to put it in the item box. Now, the preparation for escape has proceeded smoothly.

Oh, there's no problem about water because my Potion Maker can make any liquid type to drink.

At lunch, the atmosphere was bad.

Well, if the Baron consider it calmly, he won't suspect his twenty years old son.

It seems he really let his son off without questioning anything. Too bad.

However, I couldn't see the soldier leader Rish-san. Is he fired?

When asking, they are like

"Is your twisted arm hurt?"

"You don't have to worry about him who use violence and taking away your important things"

"You can be at ease in repairing the artifact"

Did my "Maya" work? Or he will just be sent somewhere else.

A that's right, "Mayoru" is to act like a Maya Kitajima in "Glass Mask" manga to deceive people.

The conversation during meals is bland. Because Nobles and commoners have no common topic.

The Baron asks me how the repairing process, I told him please wait a few days.

If he thinks that I'm keen repairing, he may think that I will not run away.

I'm staying in the guest room for some time.

And finally dinner time.

After having finished dinner safely, I ask the baron again.

"I'd like to have a child with a wavelength close to me to help me, is it okay?" (Kaoru)

"What is the wavelength?" (Baron)

"Oh, it means that compatibility of magical power wavelength" (Kaoru)

The Baron easily accepted it. That girl will be the one watching Kaoru and reports everything later to him. He think it was good.

After looking at the servants thoroughly, I chose a maid apprentice girl with green eye and long blond hair to the shoulder, she is around 12 to 13 years old.

The Baron didn't know nor think my age is about 15 to 16 years old.
After that I told him that I wanted to return to the room and continue the repair.
At night, when everyone at the mansion went to sleep except for the night shift.
When Kaoru opened the door of the guest room, a guard soldier was standing there.
Of course, that guard isn't an escort but a guard to keep Kaoru from escaping.

"Please call that girl" (Kaoru)

The watchman nods and called the maid apprentice girl who is waiting in the nearby room.

After a while, the maid comes in. Kaoru tells the maid that she has been working even since.

And now she can't continue working with an empty stomach.

The girl went out right away and after about 20 minutes, she came back while pushing a serving table with light snacks and tea pots, dishes etc.

Pretty quick. Well, since rumors say that Kaoru is a big eater.

Was this originally mean to be the late night meal?

The maid entered the room, closed the door and pushed the serving table close to the table.

Kaoru lightly pulled the girl's hand and drew her near the bed.

She pressed a handkerchief on the face of the little girl who was not understanding the situation.

And the maid apprentice girl falls asleep right away.

Kaoru quickly store everything in the room in the item box.

First, costume chest. There were several dresses, they must be the baron's oldest daughter's.

I wonder if the baron prepared it. But I'm not that fat as his daughter.

Next, Kaoru store the candlestick, the painting on the wall, the desk, the chair, the bookshelf, the carpet, the replacement sheet in the cupboard, and the sheets, the cupboard itself was also stored.

Of course, Kaoru also stored the dish on the serving table that the maid brought in. She didn't store the serving table itself though.

After storing most of things, Kaoru took off the girl's maid clothes.

And she changed to the maid clothes while storing her clothes.

Kaoru put a sheet to cover the the girl's body then gently dropped the girl from the bed and stored the bed.

Then Kaoru put the Towel that the maid brought in on her shoulder.

Next, Kaoru uses scissors to cut her hair that originally reach the shoulder to about the same length as a girl lying on the floor.

After that, she rolled the towel with the cut hair and stored in item box.

She also wore a white brim removed from the girl.

And the final touch, a potion.

Kaoru drank a potion with the effect of changing hair and eye color.

After checking, Kaoru pushed the serving table. Gently open the door and leaves.

The blonde maid apprentice bows to the guard standing outside of the room.

Then she walks while pushing the serving table slowly toward the cooking room.

A guard soldier isn't interested in a child so he doesn't bother to check or ask the maid.

The selection criteria for "the girl with same wavelength as Kaoru" were as follows:

Hair color significantly different from Kaoru, length of hair which is considerably shorter than her while height with body similar to her.

An unlucky girl who fulfilled the condition was sleeping exposed on the floor where even the carpet was taken away.

She had Inhaled the medicine "Sleep instantly if you breath in even just a little with no adverse effects remain"

Because right now is late night, there're almost no people beside the night shift guard. When there's no-one else looking, Kaoru stored the serving table in the item box and quietly left the baron residence.

Even if she encounter someone, she will behave as the apprentice maid and tell them the guest girl asked her to get something.

But she didn't meet anyone in the way and Kaoru succeeded sneaking out.

After that, Kaoru escaped from the town.

❖ Next morning

The baron made a big fuss.

When he goes to the guest room to hear the report and ask Kaoru about the repair progress. He saw the door open and when he entered. It was a vacant room that didn't have any furniture, there's not even the carpet left.

The apprentice maid was lying on the floor. There is no Kaoru's figure.
The baron got angry and beat the watchman up, and prepared to catch Kaoru.
However, the number of soldiers he had was small.
And Rish, the leader of soldiers was already kicked out yesterday.
Inevitably, the baron headed to the Hunter Guild.

"...You want us to form a search party and capture of a girl?" (Zilda)

"That's right! Don't worry about money, arrange a lot of hunters now!" (Baron)

Ignores the Baron shouting, the Receptionist answers calmly.

"You should know it, right?

The request is prepaid, no special treatment is available for the Hunter Guild, whether you are a nobleman or a lord.

In addition, we can't accept a request that has no reward to any hunters other than those who found the girl.

Please prepare the request fee for each person in the total number of people you wish.

The search period will be depended on the request fee.

Also, please prepare a separate fee to reward the hunter who completes the request as well" (Zilda)

"Okay, let's get the hunters ready, now!" (Baron)

"As I said, prepaid. After you paid, they will be ready" (Zilda)

"Damn! I will be right back, just you wait!" (Baron)

The baron rushed back to the mansion in a hurry to prepare cash.

The receptionist's voice sounded at the main hall of the guild.

"Oh, my angel escaped!" (Zilda)

"Gahahahahahahahaha !!" (A lot of hunters)

The hunters laughter resounded in the guild.

"Who would accept such a request!" (Hunter X)

One Hunter shouted, but the Receptionist denied it.

“Chit chit chi, you are so stupid.

You and everyone just accept the request and will get plenty of money.

And just report that you spot her from here and there. Like:

You saw her in the forest, but she escaped.

Or you only found a tip of the clothes in the middle of a cliff.

And even if the Baron questions you, you only have to tell him.

Occasionally, there may be some mistakes and misinformation, so it cannot be helped”
(Zilda)

“As expected of [Receptionist of hell, Zilda] , so evil!” (Hunter X)

The thick document stack went flying and hit the Hunter. And the guild’s laughs continue.

Chapter 7

Fugitive, temporary goddess

Kaoru has successfully escaped from the baron's mansion and the town without fail, and she continued to run away.

She had been walking non-stop from last night. It would be a big problem if the Baron moves his troops. So she had to watch out for the pursuers as she moved.

After leaving the town, she had change her hair colour once again from blonde to silver. She also changed the maid clothes to other clothes.

She had stored a number of foods and there's no need to worry about food for a while, and she can make drinks anytime she wants.

Now the only worries left is if she can reach the destination without being attacked by bandits or beasts.

If possible, she wants to replenish foods and secure a vehicle, but this world isn't so sweet.

When walking, she notices the noise and looking backwards, there's a sand smoke in the distance. From the noise, it must be fast horse.

Just to be safe, she gets out of the way and hides behind the shade of the trees.

Well, I don't mind having a break right now. I'm not that rush.

If I frequently check the back, I can easy spot the riders and avoid them.

The place that Kaoru aiming is the capital city.

The capital is where the population gather the most people, it's convenient to hide in the most crowded place.

There are many aristocrats in there as well, but on the contrary, it also prevents aristocrat from doing whatever they like. And Kaoru can gather information at the Capital city easier, too.

After accumulating knowledge in the Capital, she will consider whether to live there

And the library is the most attractive thing to Kaoru.

As for now, she hasn't thought about going to other countries yet. She must get the necessary information first before choosing a country.

She arrived at the next town around evening. Of course, she doesn't stay.

This town is still close, there's a possibility that the baron pursuers coming here is high. Kaoru isn't stupid enough to stay here

Even if she already changes her hair color, it's still dangerous if there are people who know Kaoru.

But Kaoru is still selling and buying things though.

As for tonight, Kaoru leaves the town and sleep in the forest. She put out the bed and spread the "animal-repelling medicine" she created.

After 3 more days walking, Kaoru arrived at the next town.

Four days after escape. A considerable number of days have already passed.

I wonder if the baron gave up yet.

If he tries to capture a girl who isn't his citizen, at a place far away from his own territory, it will be a crime that not even a baron can get away with.

The baron can't claim any rights about Kaoru.

If pursuers appear, Kaoru could make big noise and ask others for help.

Oh, speaking of which.

Regard of my escape, what did the baron think about the situation in that room?

I wonder if he found it was strange.

Or he might plan to do something dangerous.

Or he just gave up and forgot everything.

Well, I don't think he can forget about me easy, I must be a big fish for him.

Well, in any case, it has nothing to do with me. Now that I ran away to the safety zone.

In any case, it seems that it will be okay to stop by at the town soon.

And in the last four days, there are only merchant horse carriages other than pursuer's rider. And I have been hiding away from all of them. I have been walking non-stop, because I have potion to recover stamina, the distance I travel is far greater than an average teenage girl can travel alone.

In other words, I must be out of the assumed search range.

I also changed my hair's colour to silver. So I don't really worry about it. In the first place, my food is exhausted already.

Kaoru decided to stop at this town.

The money Kaoru got in the guild are only four small silver coins. It is about 400 yen equivalent.

It's only enough to buy two large skewers in a stall. And two big skewers was firmly held in Kaoru's hand.

"Ah..." (Kaoru)

And Kaoru has zero money. She had changed her clothes in the shade before entering the town. Right now Kaoru is wearing the maid clothes.



When selling things from the baron's house, it's too suspicious for a commoner girl.

There is a high possibility the shop keeper will think those things are stolen goods.

How about change to baron's daughter's clothes?

No, the nobles won't try to sell thing by themselves, it's still suspicious.

After a while considering, Kaoru chose the maid clothes.

A certain antique store.

A young maid enters the store and gently approaching the shopkeeper.

"Oh, I'm sorry, my master told me to sell this and buy today's ingredients..." (Kaoru)

A girl wearing the maid clothes looks at the shopkeeper with sad looking eyes while holding the Candlestick in her hand.

Shopkeeper opens his eyes looking at Kaoru.

"...I did it!" (Kaoru)

Kaoru gets 6 silver coins.

If I stay at the inn with dinner and breakfast, it will cost 4 pieces of silver coins.

4 pieces of small silver coins for hot water or towels etc,

I still have 1 silver coin and 6 small silver coins to buy food before departure tomorrow.

Okay then, let's go to the inn.

"Two meals and one night stay, five silver coins" (inn keeper)

...The big town inn has higher price than the rural town. Damn it.

A few more days to reach the Capital.

When I think about it, there's an open place that is next to the highway. And there is fresh water running down from the mountainside beside it.

"Ah, that's good!" (Kaoru)

Kaoru scooped water by hand to wash her face.

She can make a potion to replace water, but washing face with mountain fresh water is nice. She can also wash her body or take a bath.

And she decided to stay here tonight!

Still, I'm not going to sleep in the open space that can be seen from the highway.

I go into the forest a little and place the bed in the invisible place that passersby won't see.

After enjoying plenty of fresh water, Kaoru put out the bed in the tree and sleep.

"Still not arrive yet ~na no?" (Unknown Loli) "Mada, mada na no?"

"Please wait for a while until we find a place to stop the carriage, away from the highway" (Female Knight)

A female knight about the late twenties try to calm the restless little girl around 10 years old down.

"See, I told you to finish it before departing..." (Boy)

A boy around 12 to 13 years old scolds the little girl.

"But... , Onii-sama..." (Loli) (Datte~e, onii-sama...)

That was an aristocrat horse carriage and 6 cavalry soldiers deploying back and forth to protect it.

In the carriage, there are 4 people on board: one boy and, one little girl, the female knights and one maid servant.

The aristocratic siblings are on their way to visit the distant grandmother who was ill with their escorts.

Now, the little girl who wants to go to flower picking.

The little girl can not endure the desire, asks the driver to park the carriage as soon as possible. But if they stop the carriage in the highway, it will become an obstacle to the other carriage. So the driver is looking for a suitable place to stop the carriage.

“There’s a good place over there!” (Female Knight)

The female knight tells the captain to stop at an open place.

Looking at it again, this is certainly a nice place. Fresh water flowing from the mountain.

The girl can wash her hands after finishing. Perhaps this is some kind of resting place.

When the carriage was parked, the little girl hurriedly gets off and the boy follows while saying “I will follow you as well”

And a little girl runs into the forest, the female knight, the captain knight and the boy follow after her.

Of course only the female knight accompanied her.

The remaining knights are guarding the carriage. The boy and the captain are waiting in the open space.

It is more likely that you will encounter the bandits on the highway than in a very shallow part of the forest.

And after the little girl finished picking flowers, she returned with the female knight captain to the place where everyone is waiting.

And they saw the captain and the boy kept staring at the back of the forest.

The female knight and the little girl come closer and look at that direction.
...There was a goddess there.

A small space between the trees.

There is a big bed that is settled there.

It was a big size bed that couldn't be carried there with a lot of trees surrounding it.

There are no traces like dragging or scratch on the tree around there.

And on top of that, a young goddess with silver thread as smooth as silk, wrapped in pure white costume sleeping.

The four of them stood without being able to speak for a while. Then the little girl takes all her courage, steps forward.

"Yu, Yunis!" (Boy)

The little girl didn't listen to the boy and kept walking.

And finally she went to the side of the goddess, she called out to the sleeping goddess.

"Goddess, Goddess!" (Yunis) "Megami-sama, megami-sama!"

Hearing the little girl's call, the goddess opens her eyes slowly, turns her face to the girl.

"Ah~h! Be quiet!" (Kaoru)

"Hii~!!" (Yunis)

The goddess gets up from sleep, and her eyes are quite bad. The girl thought.

But after fixing her hair and clothes, she looks quite beautiful.

"So, Goddess sometimes wants to take a sleep on the ground..." (Yunis)

"Well, Sleeping in natural forest will recover my goddess power..." (Kaoru)

If I'm saying appropriate things, they will go away soon.

I took out the baron's bed to sleep last time

And I changed to the most comfortable white dress as a sleepwear to have a good sleep last night. It seems I overslept a bit, the sun was rising quite a while ago.

"So, are you goddess Celestine..." (Yunis)

"Ah, I'm not Celes" (Kaoru)

"Ee !!" (3 people)

What does the goddess mean when she says she isn't Celestine-sama, the only god of this world?

"I came from another world, Celes is a friend of mine, Celes told me to enjoy traveling in her world" (Kaoru)

I have not said any lies.

"So, you are goddess from another world! Celestine's friend..."

Ah, that part is wrong, Oh well.

And I heard their story.

It seems that this brother and sister's grandmother was in a serious situation.

And the two of them went to see their sick grandmother.

Even their parents tried to stop them, they didn't give up, so their parents arrange the carriage and 6 escort knights to travel together.

Noble family tend to have early marriage. It's not unusual to marry at 15 and give birth at 16.

So it's normal to become a grandmother around thirty to forty.

However, if the grandchildren already reach this age, their grandmother must be over

forty years old.

In any case, she isn't that old yet. She must've gotten an illness not from her age.

"Goddess, I want to help my grandmother, would you please give her your blessing..."
(Boy)

A boy tells Kaoru so.

Good. For now, I'm just an unknown silver haired goddess.

I can help them but I'd like some settings to make it more flavorful.

"Okay, but you must tell me some sad story" (Kaoru)

"Huh?" (4 people)

"As I ask, tell me some sad story if you want my blessing" (Kaoru)

The setting of my secret medicine is the [tears of the goddess]

Everyone seems to have something to tell. After thinking for a while, the Captain suddenly begins his [sad story, hard to speak story]

"...That's why I was swayed by that woman..." (Captain)

Okay, next!

"...Oto-sama is scary when he gets angry and scolds..." (Boy)

Okay, next!

"...Felissy-chan is really mean, you know!" (Fenis) "De, hidoi no desu, ferishī-chan te ba"

Yes, next!... Was I choosing the wrong setting?

"Well, I guess this isn't funny nor sad, but allow me to talk about something..." (Female Knight)

The last one is the female knight.

“I had a few marriage proposal when I was about 16 to 17 years old

But I spent every day to train, aiming to become a knight.

I refused everything because there was no time for such thing. I was always training.

Just recently, I finally realized that my friends, colleagues, juniors and sisters all got married and have children.

I'm 27 years old already. My hands are also rugged from swinging the sword too much. My body is all muscular without any feminine softness...

I wonder if I will be alone for the rest of my life.

If I have a second chance to start again from 15 years old, I guess I should marry back then...

No, it isn't a big deal at all, such a story isn't that sad” (Female Knight)

Goddess cries a whole lot! Her face is wet with tears.

She suddenly gives out 3 different potions.

“I was too sad, so I made totally 3 potions...” (Kaoru)

“Wa, ha~a...” (Female Knight)

Women knight has a Pokan face, wondering whether what she talks about was such a sad story.

“This blue one is for your grandmother” (Kaoru)

I gave the boy a blue potion.

“You should drink this red one.

But if you do not drink in front of trusted people, superiors, employers, etc., you may be in trouble” (Kaoru)

“Wa, ha~a...” (Female Knight)

“And this yellow potion can cure any kind of injury or sickness” (Kaoru)

Then I gave the red and yellow potion to the female knight.

This red, blue, yellow potion this time is just a color differentiation for distinction, not a rank like a healing potion.

“You should go now...

I will also leave here soon. The wave of divine force when the bed disappear will have a bad influence on human beings.” (Kaoru)

When the goddess said that, the four people left and they didn’t forget to thank her many times before leaving

As I threatened with God power, I thought that they wouldn’t stay and see the situation. But just to be safe, I watch the horse-drawn carriage and the escort riding guard go away from the gap of the trees.

Then Kaoru stored the bed and left that spot in a hurry. No, I can take my time.

Just a little more to the Capital of Brancott Kingdom.

I made those potions without thinking

But it was from the goddess who happened to descend to this place.

And even if a miracle happens, it has nothing to do with me. They won’t meet me again after all.

So I don’t have to worry. After all because it is a “goddess’ s work”

I wonder if that red one is working good.

I do not know if it has the perfect effect as I desired,

but well, even if the potion only give some of the effect I want, it will be good enough.

That story was too sad. I seriously got crying. I must be careful not doing so again after this

The big service for this time is just the “tuition fee”...

Chapter 8

Kingdom (neighbor)

❖ Balmoa Kingdom's capital, Gurua

There's an audience with the Royal family at the royal palace. The Earl family are kneeling before their king.

"Raise your face" (King)

The young king that is still in middle 20 years old, he allows the Earl family to raise their face and speak.

Earl of Adan, Gerard von Adan.

Behind him is his eldest son Hector who is still a child, his eldest daughter Yunis.

And a little further behind is the escort captain Robert, female knight Francette.

During the audience, there are a large number of people, including ministers and senior nobles, are present.

"So, Earl Adan, did you claim that you met the goddess?" (King)

Earl Adan answers in a fearful voice to the king's words

"Recently, my wife's mother was sick. I was quite busy so I and my wife can't visit her. But both my son and daughter are wanting to meet their sick grandmother at all cost. It was quite dangerous for them to travel alone so I arrange an escort knight team... More details will be explained by the captain the escort knight, Robert..." (Earl Adan)

"Well, your wife was certainly from a neighboring country. I allow you to speak. Robert please explain" (King)

Robert explains the details of the incident with the permission from the king.

"Well, it's a bit unbelievable..." (Other noble)

After hearing that, a mock smile leaks from an aristocrat who attends the audience

with the king. Robert's face turned red.

"So, what happened after that?" (King)

"Yes, Hector-sama gave the goddess gift medicine to his grandmother, the moment his grandmother drank it,... she was fully recovered" (Robert)

The surrounding nobles that did not speak at all during the audience became noisy like:

"Do you want to get killed, telling the king such a big lie..."

Anyway, the surrounding nobles are calling the Earl of Adan is a liar and laughing at him.

Suddenly the female knight Francette cried out loud.

"Your majesty, this" (Francette)

She takes out a yellow potion from the pocket.

The king looks at it for a brief moment but he orders immediately.

"Bring it here" (King)

As the king ordered, the yellow potion is handed to the attendant.

"Is this the goddess's medicine?" (King)

"Yes, for Roland-sama" (Francette)

"What! I see. If this medicine can really cure my aniue, I can give the sit back to my aniue" (King)

The King's older brother, Roland.

He was a man with bravery and had the talent for political affairs.

He also had the trust from the vassals.

Everyone and even the current king has always believed Roland will be the best king from a long time ago.

However, an unfortunate accident happened, in order to protect his brother Serge, he got a serious injury. His right arm has stopped moving.

Roland gave the succession of the throne to his brother.
And after his father's death he was supporting Serge who succeeded to the throne.
For the young King Serge, Roland was his most respected person in this world.
Therefore he always suffered from the guilt.

"Please stop it!" (Nobles)

A voice rises from among aristocrats.

"Your majesty, you can't let Roland-sama drinks this dubious thing!" (Nobles)

At that time, Francette quickly pulled out another potion from her bosom and raised it over the head. The potion color is red.

"This is also a goddess medicine! Your majesty, please look!!" (Francette)

(I beg you, my goddess, please work) (Francette)

Francette takes off the lid and drinks it all at once.
At that moment, the female knight is wrapped in light.
And the next moment...

"Oh!" (Nobles)

"What, what !!" (Nobles)

There was a figure of the female knight which was smaller than before.
Her equipment and clothes became loose.
She looks like a girl about 15 to 16 years old...
Ignoring the noisy nobles, the King held the yellow medicine bottle in his hand and ran to his older brother Roland.

"Aniue, please drinks this!" (King)

"No, you should keep that for when something happens..." (Roland)

Roland tries to push back his brother's hand with his left hand, but Serge doesn't withdraw.

“From the past until now, you are the person I and everyone respected the most! And the goddess told that knight, to give this medicine to the one she chose” (King)

King Serge kept talking with his crying face.

“The one she chose is you, Aniué. And even if she chose me, I will still give it to you” (King)

When he saw that face, Roland knew that his brother was definitely not giving up. And he received the medicine bottle.

He quietly opened the lid and slowly drank it.

Nothing happens. His body doesn't shine and he doesn't rejuvenate like Francette. However...

“...move...” (Roland)

“Aniué!” (King)

“It moves, my right arm moves,...” (Roland)

The king, Serge carefully watch his elder brother's arm that can freely move.

After a while Serge embraces Roland. He embraced his older brother Roland and overflowed with tears.

The nobles who were making noises also quieted, they are also crying when watching the King and his brother.

“Aniué, I will hold the coronation ceremony soon. You should be the king” (King)

“I don't want it.” (Roland)

“Huh?” (King)

The King is surprised with his elder brother refusing the king's seat with a light tone.

“Becoming the King is a troublesome thing, I don't go for it, don't go bothering me. Sorry but I will put all that troublesome things to you. I will enjoy my life leisurely, Serge!” (Roland)

“Aniue...” (King)

The female knight Francette is overjoyed.

A young body! My body isn't muscular or hard, it is soft and smooth.

Although I'm 27 years old.

But I did tell the goddess that “I wish to become 15 years old again”.

So right now, my body should be 15 years old!

It is a shame that I lose my physical strength and the muscular which I trained with great effort in a long time.

But I still remember the techniques. It would be easier to train.

And I will be able to use as much time as I want to associate with other people.

Fufufufufu...

“Hey, you make a weird face...” (Robert)

“Urusai wa yo!” (Francette)

I poked the shoulder of the captain who interrupted my happiness thought by saying extra things.

Because my body is small, my strength should be weakening.

Yes, it should be.

Ebu~! (SFX)

It's much faster than I thought, and the power is also much stronger.

The Captain was falling on the floor.

“Ee...” (Francette)

My muscular strength and speed are not weakening at all...

It's rather stronger than before.

“You are Knight Francette, right” (Roland)

“Yes” (Francette)

The King's brother Roland is suddenly talking to her, Francette is surprised.

“Well, I think we never met face to face directly, So why me?” (Roland)

“Ee?” (Francette)

“I mean, why [The one you chose] is me, but not the King... , you didn’t even meet me yet” (Roland)

“Well, about that...” (Francette)

I can not say it. I longed for him a long time ago.

I longed for that figure that protected his younger brother with his body.

And I aimed to become a royal knight with desperate efforts. Someday I’d like to serve Roland-sama and protect the Royal family, such a dream from a 15 years old girl...

“Oh well, let’s hear it later then” (Roland)

“Ee~...” (Francette)

Chapter 9

Employment in Kingdom

Translator's Note:

As Reader-san suggests, I will change all 1st POV in the chapter to 3rd person POV.

There won't be any 1st person POV as narrator.

And when the dialog and sentence really can't change to 1st POV to 3rd POV, I will make it to an inner thought ()

This change will be little different from RAW with more inner thought but the meaning of the whole chapter won't change.

PS: It really not my fault but rather the Author writes it that way.

Sometimes Author use "Kaoru", sometimes "I" or "me", sometimes there isn't any "subject".

Kaoru finally arrived at the Capital city of Brancott Kingdom.

Fortunately, there's a merchant who passed by in the morning and Kaoru took a ride on the carriage.

The merchant is on the way home after he sold all goods, the amount he re-purchased at that town is less the number he carried. There are plenty of room on the loading platform, so he gave Kaoru a ride.

It isn't much fast compared to walking, as the wagon isn't in a hurry. Its travel speed is at most about 20% faster.

However, it's only 20% faster "If compared with an adult man in this world".

Compared to Kaoru's travel speed, it's 50% is faster.

Even though travel by wagon is faster and she can reach the goal without getting tired..."But... my butt hurts"

And the wagon arrived at the kingdom earlier than Kaoru thought.

The merchant seems thought that Kaoru was a small child.

He worries about letting such small child walking by herself. Besides, his son seems to be bored at the loading platform.

So he decided to help Kaoru and give his son a partner to talk with during travel.

At the age of 10 and a trainee, the boy isn't very useful for information gathering.

He is just a boy who wants to become a merchant by following the trace of his father like the way of handling tricks and customers, business,...

Well, Kaoru tries asking but the boy really doesn't know anything useful.

So Kaoru is asking the merchant himself.

She brings out 3 examples of "items from the baron's house".

Of course, she pretend that she pull it out of the bag she prepared.

The merchant told her that it would be a bit cheaper than selling it properly, but she was willing to sell it.

(With this money, I will be okay for a few days staying at the inn) (Kaoru)

Kaoru got down just before the wagon reaching the gate of the city. She thanked him properly and said goodbye.

Unlike the merchant who having a resident pass and a merchant registration pass. Kaoru doesn't have anything, from what she heard there's a procedure.

As expected, the Capital city is surrounded by walls and she has to go through the gate where a lot of guards are checking everyone go in and out.

As Kaoru is a new face and don't have any pass, she is guided to line up in another line.

And from there, she will recieve further questions in "Would you like to talk a little bit" corner?

(Did the guard suspect me?) (Kaoru)

“So, why are you traveling alone, where’s your family?” (Guard)

The Guard attacks.

(T.N: the raw is really “attack” , this is the refer either from Pokemon or Dragon Quest)

“Well, everyone already died...

And because my uncle took away the house that my father left behind, he even planned to sold me, so I ran away by myself...

I thought if I could work in the city, I can live even by myself...” (Kaoru)

Kaoru counters. The guard received a critical hit!

Kaoru was able to proceed immediately. The guard was sorry, But Kaoru still has to pay 3 silver coins, because it’s a rule.

Kaoru received a temporary pass, but it seems that she has to find work early.

(T.N: maybe they don’t want to have beggar and slum)

Of course, Kaoru originally intended to do so. Her purpose right now is working and gathering information during free time.

She can’t sell Cure potions and Recovery potions anymore. At best, she can use it for herself.

Then she considers something that isn’t valuable medicine but possible to sell it for a while.

(Yes, for example sodium chloride... No no, it’s no good, salt is no good. It’s dangerous to sell something without knowing the distribution of salt, price, monopoly or the like. I don’t even know whether it’s sea salt or rock salt being circulated. Yeah, I will not repeat the same mistake)

Kaoru is a girl can who learn from her mistakes.

When she passed through the gate, Kaoru went to the Working Center that the merchant told her about.

She need to go there and find if there's any live-in job. If she can't find it, she has to stay at the inn tonight and the money she has will decrease.

Working Center, Unlike hunter guild that deal with rough matters such as escorts, mercenaries, subjugation and dangerous harvesting.

It is the Work Placement Center that introduces work such as ordinary employees, clerks, workers, easy and safe collections.

The employer issues a recruitment request, and at that time pays for some request registration fee.

In the event that the job is decided, The Working Center will receive the completed commission fee. This is also from the employer side. Job seekers usually have little money on their hands after all.

Of course, even if the hired person quits immediately after getting hired, that fee will not be refunded. It was the employer who decided to hire after seeing the employee after all.

After Kaoru arrived at the Work Placement Center, she quickly confirmed the recruitment content on the board.

There are various jobs but the place, industry type, recruitment conditions etc. aren't compatible with her.

Like working in the mountains nearby, heavy labour work, men only, experienced person etc...

It's also no good if Kaoru doesn't have enough free time. Because it will hinder her information gathering.

She can save money if she has a live-in job. Of course not a job with no free time like living as maid on a nobleman's mansion... and so on.

She tried to apply for as a salary girl once, but as a minor, she was refused because she can't be a receptionist.

Even of Kaoru says she is 15 years old. Others will just think that she lied to work, and when they already thinks she is lying, of course they can't choose her.

In the end, she choose to become a live-in waitress of a certain dining hall.

Outside of office hours, she is free to do anything like information gathering.

She is also thankful that meals will be served as well.



(T.N: I don't know how long but it must be at least weeks or months later)

"Oh, It's already this late. Let's take a break for today" (Fabio)

With Fabio's word, Fernand Brancott, the first prince of Brancott Kingdom stops his paper work with a big sigh.

Fabio is the son of the prime minister of this country.

Alan, son of another minister.

The two of them are Fernand's childhood friends.

Of course, they didn't happen to become friends by chance.

It is the so-called "school friends" what were decided between parents.

Three people became friends with the speculation of their parents, but their personality matched well, and they had become real friends.

As for Fabio, he behaves like the president's son.

And Alan is like a hunter who lives in a downtown, a man who lives with sword.

When choosing him as a school friend, his parents would have never thought that Alan would become like this.

However, Fernand and Fabio liked that part of Alan, too.

Everyone is already 18 years old, they're already at the age for marriage.

Especially Fernand, the prince of this Kingdom. However, the three of them still wanted to fool around with each other.

"Finally... It's time for lunch, shall we have it here?" (Fabio)

"No, we should go eat outside with Alan today" (Fernand)

Because the meal of the castle sometimes doesn't suit his taste. He should bring Fabio to eat outside, as Alan always goes eating out of the castle. Fernand thought so.

"Okay then, let me treat you today!" (Alan)

"Well, that's kinda..." (Fabio)

Alan pushing the embarrassed Fabio out while Fernand immediately preparing clothing for going out.



"Here, It's just a small shop, but it's a fun place" (Alan)

This is the shop that Alan started eating in recently.

And as friend, he wanted to bring Fabio by all means. He never thought that Fernand would follow them though.

Fernand and Fabio hesitates for a moment in front of the dining hall that everyone is commoner. They feel out-of-place, especially Fernand. But Alan invited them today, they decided to get in.

When entering the dining hall, there're only a few customers because they are far passed the lunch time.

Alan picked up the item put on the table, take a seat appropriately and showed it to them.

“Here, there’re the name of the cuisine over there, It’s really interesting” (Alan)

Fernand and Fabio turned their line of sight, and saw that there were some cooking names written there.

“Let’s see, [Soft soup pasta] , [Soup rice plum or salmon] , [egg wrapper tomato chicken rice]... , what is this?” (Fabio)

Those are dishes that he has never heard before, Fabio has a dumb face as he says that.

“Well, leave it to me. Hey, [egg wrapper tomato chicken rice] for three!” (Alan)

“Hey, you selfishly decided for us too...” (Fabio + Fernand)

With Alan deciding everything by himself and orders three portion. The other two are quite unsatisfied with that.

Alan asked the waitress when she carries the dishes to their table.

“Eme-chan, is the shop okay with the consultation today?” (Alan)

“Well, for now, only some parents and children left. I think it’s okay, so which course?” (Eme)

“Yes! 5 silver coins course” (Alan)

“U wa, heavy! Maida~!” (Eme) *(T.N: Maida = welcome)*

As Alan said that, the Waitress Eme left the table happily.

“What is this all about... Alan, what are you plotting...” (Fabio)

“Well, it will be fun time afterwards! By the way, if you do not eat it sooner, it will cool down and lose the taste!” (Alan)

Alan told them so, they also thought it was strange but they began to eat the dishes.

“Huh?” (Fabio + Fernand)

They looked surprised and stopped holding the spoon for a moment, but immediately moved the hand and resumed the meal. They're eating quite fast.

"How come it taste so good, I shouldn't make a fool out of the common people" (Fabio)

"Yes, certainly. It was something worth going out to eat" (Fernand)

Alan have a smug face when hearing and Fabio didn't refute this time. And soon after Alan had a mischievous face and said.

"What are you saying? Although cooking is also good, I won't bother to take the busy Fabio out of the castle just for this" (Alan)

Fernand is wondering what's so interesting, so he quietly listens to Alan.

"Looks like it's time they stop Order" (Alan)

After Alan said that, a girl appeared from the kitchen, heading towards a table next to Alan. There's someone looking like a merchant.

Her age was about 10-12 years old, she has a rare black hair with black eyes, a somewhat exotic style of facial features

It's cute... she is definitely cute, but how did we say about her, her gaze is slightly harsh... or, to be clear, her appearance is cute but her eyes is bad.

"That girl is Kaoru, I wanted to show her to Fabio today" (Alan)

"That girl?" (Fabio)

Alan giggles to the surprised Fabio.

"That's right, as soon as we get an order stop and wait a little. She will open a consultation shop with permission from the master. She will also share the profit with other waitresses. Everyone willingly accept to do the remaining work" (Alan)

As Alan said so, the girl arrived at the next table.

Three people try to listen.

“Thank you very much, Boman-san, what kind of consultation are you having today?”
(Kaoru)

“Oh, today’s client is my son, Charles. It seems that there is something he want to hear from you” (Boman)

“I see, it will be 5 small silver coins. Well then, Charles-kun, please asks me anything”

The cute girl smiled at him, and the boy about 10 years old asked her while blushing.

“Uhm, I heard about you before, what I want to ask is: There are [customers that keep complaining]... It is just a few in many customers. So I want to cut down such troublesome customers. It would be better for me to take care of a large number of customers. I don’t want to bother with such customers... even if I please them, we can only get a small profit after all. Is it good to do that?” (Charles)

With the question from the young boy, Kaoru gently smiles and answers.

When the boy see her smiling face, the boy feels un-rest.

“No, in fact, many people don’t complain but it doesn’t mean that there’s nothing to complain about. They just don’t bother to do such troublesome thing. They only need to go to another store after all.

- It’s not like those people don’t complain at all because they’re satisfied. And even if they don’t say it to the shop, they will complain to other people.

Then, the number of customers will gradually decrease before you notice it. But if there are some people who bother to complain and tell you the bad place of the shop. Doesn’t Charles-kun think that you can improve your shop and satisfy more people when you already know where to fix? Don’t you think you should say thanks to that customer instead?” (Kaoru)

“Yes” (Charles)

“And sometimes, there are people that demands money by threatening your shop. For this kind of person, You absolutely shouldn’t give out any money. You may think [Such trouble can be avoided just by losing a little profit]. But if the news that ‘your shop will

give out money when get threatened spreads out. The rogues throughout the country will target your shop. For that reason, such person must be crushed. Even if we lost some profit for that” (Kaoru)

“Yes” (Charles)

“Also, if the shop will change when the customers give advise, don’t you think the customers will be glad and keep returning?” (Kaoru)

“Yes, indeed...” (Charles)

“Charles-kun, customers are not a duck for merchant to suck up money. They are equal trading partners, friend, and a teacher who will teach a lot of things” (Kaoru)

“I see...” (Charles)

The girl’s explanation continued, and the parents were also impressed.

[Hey, what’s with that girl! Who is she!] (Fabio)

[She is an interesting girl, isn’t she?] (Alan)

[It’s true!] (Fernand)

[Wasn’t she saying that the fee was 5 small silver coins? But Alan, you said you put out 5 silver coins?] (Fabio)

[Fabio, I will hand over your question right to you, think about it now] (Alan)

[Don’t suddenly drop it on me...] (Fabio)

Oh, here she came.

“Alan-san, 5 silver coins course, right? Eme-chan was dancing [Shares dancing] over there”

(What kind of dance is that !!) (Alan + Fabio + Fernand)

“Oh, well, as you can see, I brought my friends today, Fa and Fer. There is something

we want to hear!”

And Alan shakes Fabio.

“E, eeeee...” (Fabio)

Fabio was thinking about the content of the question in a panic.

Chapter 10

Kaoru side jobs

Kaoru was doing a side job between waitress' work.

Of course, it was officially recognized by the owner and colleagues.

Contents of the work is a "consultation shop".

She gave advice to client's consultation, answer questions and so on.

It's an operation only for a short time after the shop received the last order.



Well, the entrance fee of the library is a bit high, and I am very very very interested in buying books... (*T.N: she really repeat it 3 times*)

That's why, I decided to do some side job and earn more, that's right a consultation shop.

Talking with various people may be useful for information gathering as well

I will give 40% of my income from my side job for my colleagues.

By dividing it to the waitresses, it will be 20% each.

Sometimes, I will have a big guest like Alan-san. When we share, other waitress will get one silver coins each.

It is a nice amount for little girls so they are quite pleasing.

At time like this, they usually have a "Share Dance"

I reflect on my previous failure and will not sell anything for a while.

As a wise girl, I will earn with wisdom.

Because I am living in with meals being provided, I don't have trouble with my life.



At first, there was no one trying to consult with Kaoru.

That was natural. Who would think about asking a little girl 10 to 12 years old about their problems or seeking advice to them? Kaoru feels quite down when there's no customer at all.

However, there was a turning point.

An elder asked Kaoru about his trouble.

Perhaps he just wanted someone to hear his complaint with 5 small silver coins as the request fee... it's equivalent to about 500 yen... He gave up the drink that day to pay the fee.

"I will retire soon and give everything to 2 grandchildren.

But I was in trouble because I couldn't choose how to divide.

However I divide it always seems [unfair].

My son has already passed away and I don't want my grandchildren to have a grudge among themselves..." (Elder)

Kaoru answered. Of course her setting was "Yeah, that's easy to solve! I heard it somewhere before"

"Then, why don't you let one of your grandchild divide as he like until that grandchild of yours thinks it's fair.

Then, let the other grandchild chooses whichever he like first, so that no one complains..." (Kaoru)

The elder had a pokan face.

Kaoru's colleague waitresses and other guests who were listening were also surprised and gazed at Kaoru.

"I see..." (Several people)

After that, other guests who're listening began to ask questions and consult with Kaoru

After the few days, the news spread and Kaoru's number of customers gradually increased.

There were some guests who just wanted to talk with Kaoru, but customers are customers.

The price is 5 small silver coins at minimum. There is no upper limit.

Depending on the content, the customer may decide the price and topic and Kaoru tells only for the amount of info corresponding to the fee.

"There are two villages, each village has one Sacred tree. The villagers argue that which tree is higher but they don't dare to climb the Sacred tree to measure it..." (Guest A)

"Measure the shadows at the same time" (Kaoru)

"There are 2 goddess statues with the same weight, one made from iron, one made from wood, which one is bigger..." (Guest B)

"Just sink them in water and see which one raise water level higher... why do you want to know such a thing?" (Kaoru)

"Uhm, my boyfriend cheated..." (Girl A)

"Farewell" (Kaoru)



Among them, a customer named Alan-san began to request from time to time.

I felt he was like a falling aristocrat or a crushed merchant, but the person himself looks like a hunter.

At the beginning, it was a fun half question, but as we speak he began to ask many questions and consultations in various ways.

Because Alan-san was paying good amount of money and often came. My colleagues Eme-chan and Agarte-chan were delighted with him.

The two of them often dance the “Sharing Dance” when Alan-san consults.

And Alan-san seems to have “heavy pay” 5 silver coins today as well.

Did he pay handsomely today because he is coming with friends?

And after finishing the request of Charles-kun and Boman-san, the merchant father and son who took care of me when I came to the Kingdom, I went to Alan’s table.

Well, Charles-kun, I hope he will be a good merchant later.

“So, what do you want to consult today?” (Kaoru)

Fabio can’t immediately come up with an appropriate question for a civilian child like Kaoru, so he says what he still has in mind after work.

“Well, how can the nobility increase the income of the territory...” (Fabio)

Although Kaoru was surprised for a moment with an unexpected question, she immediately returned the question.

“In what sort of area do you manage? farm, commercial, some other industrial estate and short-term or long-term things...” (Kaoru)

Although Fabio just simply said what he has in mind, he didn’t expect to hear all those things from Kaoru so he was a bit taken aback.

“Well, it’s an ordinary territory, what will result quickly...” (Fabio)

After thinking for a moment, the girl replied.

“Well, it’s five silver coins, but you have an introduction by Alan-san, so I will give a big service...

First, I will lower the tax for farmers, merchants, all taxes, about 20-30%” (Kaoru)

“Won’t tax revenue fall if you lower taxes?” (Fernand)

From the side, Fer-san retorts right away.

“No, if you lower the tax down to the last minute, there are many things that will happen as well, isn’t it?

So, what do you think would happen if the tax falls?” (Kaoru)

“Tax revenue will fall” (Fernand)

Fer-san repeats the same thing.

“No, if the tax is lowered, farmers can afford to buy good farm tools like iron hoes, sickles,... with the money left.

Then the efficiency of agricultural work will rise and they can have some free time compared to normal.

They can collect firewood and hunting wild animals from the mountains or make handicrafts at home. So they can afford to live more and more.”

“But then, only farmers will get better and the lord’s tax revenue would have been reduced”

This time it’s Fa-san who retorts.

“I still haven’t finished.

Well, taxes on merchants are also decreasing.

Merchants need to pay tax when they carry the goods, merchandise enters the territory.

Pay sales tax when they sell objects, pay tax when they leave the territory as well.

They need to pay tax many times.

And then, here your territory with tax is 20-30% lower than the left and right territory. Or we can say that we have the lowest tax in the whole country.

As a merchant who carries the goods to our country, which region do you think they would want to visit?" (Kaoru)

"Ah..." (Fernand + Fabio)

"By lowering tax by 20-30% and with the number of merchants visiting doubled or tripled. With their higher tax, the left and right territory will lose its merchant, will their tax revenue be higher than us?"

"..." (Fernand + Fabio)

"And the sales tax is also cheap in your territory. The residents can afford to buy a lot and increase purchasing rate. Don't you think that the merchants will love to sell their goods here. And, when they sold everything, they can have room in their cargo. They can't make any money by leaving empty-handed. Even if the profit margin is lower than normal, a little is far better than nothing at all. They will buy something here to sell it elsewhere. And there are plenty of handicraft items made by farmers.

Those that farmers can afford to make when you lower their taxes..." (Kaoru)

three men's mouths open wide

"Agriculture is out of the short-term condition. Well, is this enough for 5 silver coins?"

"Enough..." (Fabio + Fernand + Alan)



“Hey, who actually is that girl?” (Fabio)

“Well, can’t you see without being told?... An average waitress in a dining hall of the city?” (Alan)

“...” (Fernand)

Three men after returning to the castle began talking about Kaoru.

Up until now, what they know is: “can not raise the tax rate too much” and “what is the limits of the people?”

Even though they think about “I will lower the tax rate so that people are able to live well”

But they didn’t even think too far about that.

In order to raise tax revenue, it’s important to determine the marginal limit of tax.

And only an excellent lord that is possible to do it.

In the end, they only do it for the administrator’s profit.

That young girl just lightly gives out a plan to raise both Citizen’s life and tax revenue and she laughed it like nothing.

Even she is still at young age but to think she has that knowledge and wisdom...

Of course, that is a plan that can’t be realized in real.

A tax cut plan calling in merchants.

That simply attracts the profits from the neighboring territory and the total tax revenue for all the territories will be decreasing by the tax cut.

Then, the profit as the whole country taking from tax will go down as well.

Also, there's no doubt that plan will anger neighboring lords in the form of intercepting their profits.

However, the minimum requirement "a proposal to raise the territory with results in a short period of time" is fully satisfied.

That plan isn't considering about nationalities and political.

"Now, I noticed..." (Fabio)

"What?" (Fernand)

Fernan listens to Fabio's words.

"That girl said [This is 5 silver coins course] and [Because agriculture is out of the short-term condition]" (Fabio)

"Ah" (Fernand)

"Well, if we specify agriculture as well, and pay more money. For example, 5 small gold coins, what advice will she give us?" (Fabio)

"Eee..." (Fernand + Alan)

"I want her" (Fabio)

"Ah, I also want her..." (Fernand)

"Well, But she is still a young girl!" (Alan)

"We don't mean it that way!!" (Fabio + Fernand)



At that time the waitresses had a celebration at the cafeteria. With tea.

Anyway, they got their share 1 silver coin.

In the dining hall for commoner, they can't receive tips and the waitress's payment is

cheap.

To get an extra silver coins like this is a huge blessing.

They are all thankful for their colleague waitress Kaoru. They are very appreciative.

“Fu fu fu, even without cheat, I can solve everything easily!” (Kaoru)

Kaoru was happy.

But she forget that was modern knowledge and having adult brain in child's body is also enough to call a Cheat.

Chapter 11

Stalker

“I’m coming again...” (Fernand)

Kaoru has a wry smile.

This guest is Fer-san, a friend of Alan-san and recently he keeps visiting Kaoru.

Even when the dining hall still in busy time, he keeps inviting Kaoru to his seats, asking her a lot of things...

If he keeps doing such a thing, the consultation shop may be banned.

Because I only have permission to do it in “my free time”

In the first place, at the busy time, we can’t keep up shops order with just Eme-chan and Agarte-chan.

Even Alan-san adheres to the rules properly...

That certain customer keeps looking at Kaoru while eating soup pasta aka udon... which is one of the dishes made by Kaoru. It was popular and was added in menu.

He has beautiful blond hair and the face isn’t bad, but with Kaoru there’s only one impression.

(Creepy...) (Kaoru)

First prince Fernand had a strong interest in Kaoru, he worked hard, tidied up his work and went to the dining room where Kaoru worked everyday.

He isn’t like the king, so Fernand’s work has never been so many in the first place, he only doesn’t have motive.

And, for some reason, he didn't invite Fabio and he was just like a sociopath.

Alan had returned to his estates the other day and was absent for a while.

Fernand didn't know anything and he was unconsciously disturbing other people.

Up until now, everyone was always ready to serve him as he called. He had always live in the castle, it's everyone's job to prioritize the prince only after the king.

Because of that, Fernand easily forgot the reason why Alan told him that the consultation shop only open at a considerably later time after lunch.

Despite the fact that Alan said clearly that "Only after the shop receiving the last order, consultation shop will be available, as other waitresses will cover the work for Kaoru"

"No matter what situation, others must adapt themselves to serve him" is his common sense as well as Royal family's common sense.

And Fernand had finally gone and done it. Like:

Calling Kaoru in a busy time.

Or while there are other consultation people waiting for their turn, he interrupts without a care.

Persistently pursues to the point that Kaoru doesn't want to talk any further. Like asking personal information of Kaoru.

In the beginning, Kaoru also corresponded neatly. Because he is Alan's friend so she tried to put up with him.

Kaoru also seriously answered questions that he don't know or stupid things about national policy.

But Fernand's question content and act gradually escalated to the point that Kaoru shouldn't answer any more.

That was extraordinarily annoying act that Kaoru, waitresses and other customers can no longer accept.

There was a limit to everything.

Certainly, his payment was good.

But even if he gives out a lot of money, people still get angry.

In the end, Kaoru asked the shop master for permission.

Because the master knew that Kaoru was also in trouble with the other waitresses and customers, he agreed right away.



“I’m sorry, I can’t afford to serve Fer-san anymore. Please talk to other clerks when you are ordering” (Kaoru)

The next day, Fernand still neglected Agarte-chan nearby and requested Kaoru to serve him even though she is far away. And Kaoru refused him right away.

The other customers also heard that and were kind of relieved.

He can’t understand the meaning of what Kaoru told him. After a moment’s blank, Fernand became furious.

“What, what are you saying! How dare you do such things!” (Fernand)

Kaoru answered calmly.

“I said that again and again, repeatedly many times before! You are troubling other customers. I’m already at my limit! We are also already at our limit! If Fer-san wants to order and get served, from now on please ask other waitresses. Of course, my consultation shop will not accept Fer-san’s request any more!” (Kaoru)

Fernand stands up from where he sits and is staring at Kaoru.

“But, I’m a customer! How dare you do such a thing to a customer...” (Fernand)

“Master also agrees that Fer-san doesn’t have to come to the shop anymore if you keep

ordering only me” (Kaoru)

From the surrounding, other guests begin to voice out their admiration.

“What, what... , what...” (Fernand)

Until now, there’s no-one ever dare to refuse Fernand’s request except his parents and two friends. He is frustrated by the situation that doesn’t work like he wants and he is swallowed by anger.

“Come!” (Fernand)

Fernand suddenly grabs Kaoru’s arm and tries to drag her out.

“That hurts! Please stop it!” (Kaoru)

He doesn’t care about what Kaoru said and still trying to drag Kaoru.

“Come! You aren’t a woman for this place. You are coming with me!” (Fernand)

Eme-chan and Agarte-chan and guests also stand up and close the way Fernand goes.

Also from the kitchen, the master and the chefs that he hired also came.

“How dare you, don’t you know who I...?” (Fernand)

After talking half of sentence, Fernand finally noticed the cold eyes from the surrounding and the eyes filled with the hatred from Kaoru, Fernand stop his words.

His head finally cools down and he regrets.

In such a situation, what on earth was he trying to say?

Saying the name of the royal family will only press mud to their name!

He released Kaoru’s arms that he had grasped, Fernand quietly left.

“Everyone, I apologize for making a noise” (Kaoru)

For Kaoru to apologize with a frowning face, customers are like

“It’s not Kaoru’s fault!”

“I will always protect you, so don’t worry!” etc

They gave her warm words. Of course they saw everything and they love Kaoru.

That’s why all the guests who were in the store earlier, were standing up to help her.



Three weeks from then.

After that, Fernand never showed up in the dining hall again, Kaoru was having some peaceful days.

Everyone in the shop and the customers are also happy as well.

And on the 10th holiday, Kaoru gathers information at the library again.

I was quite aware of this continent, or rather this world now.

About the neighboring countries, the political situation, etc...

On the west of this continent is Brancott Kingdom that have the shade like a peninsula. North and South are the sea. This country is surrounded by 4 countries. 2 countries on the east side and 2 on the west side.

Their political situation is stable, it is said to be a “live-able country” alongside with Balmor Kingdom in the west.

(It seems Ceres dropped me down in a good country) (Kaoru)

Kaoru was thinking about those things while cleaning the entrance of the dining hall before opening. And then a gorgeous horse-drawn carriage came.

“Hey, little girl. Is this place called [Manpuku-tei]”? (Noble) *(T.N: Manpuku = Satiety, Tei = Tea room or small restaurant)*

The noble looking down on me from the open window of the carriage and asks me such thing.

Oh, by the way, it has a casual name with no such twists, this restaurant...

“Oh, yes, that’s right...” (Kaoru)

There is nothing good to go against a nobleman.

No, I will go against him if necessary. Of course.

“Then, do you know a girl named Kaoru?” (Noble)

“If you are looking for Kaoru, I’m here...” (Kaoru)

I can feel an unpleasant feeling.

“What’s with that! Kaoru is such a girl!” (Noble)

The Noble raised his voice from the window. He was unpleasant with the little girl!

After a while, the noble takes out a letter and hand it over to the girl.

Of course from the window of the carriage. He didn’t bother to open the door.

“Take it” (Noble)

Kaoru stretched out her hands and received something like that letter. Because she couldn’t do anything else.

At the same time, a box of size was taken down from the other side of that carriage and it was placed beside the road.

Then the window of the carriage was closed, the person who dropped the box also returned to the carriage and the carriage left without any explanation.

“...what is this?” (Kaoru)

Kaoru got a bad feeling... This smells trouble.

I felt that way.

By the way, I didn't touch the box.

They said nothing and the place where the box was placed wasn't in front of the dining hall but in the premises of the store next to us.

Surely, that must be a delivery to someone else.

Touching it will make me a thief, yeah.

I have not received it and it is delivered to the other house.

And when Kaoru check the store later, the box was no longer there.

Yeah, the correct recipient seems to have taken it back.

Well, then the only problem left is this letter.

The content is an invitation letter.

The party will be held at the royal palace in the following week.

(Just like my premonition warning!) (Kaoru)

...I am not happy at all.



Viscount Aleman was unpleasant.

❖ Aleman's POV

I was entrusted with first prince's personal invitation letter of his party that will be held in the following week.

That's good.

It was not a mass created invitation letters but the first prince hand writing invitation. I was entrusted with that invitation directly from the prince, it is a pleasing thing.

Is the receiver someone the first prince care about?

If it's really so, this will be a good news for me who was entrusted with such task...

But when I check, the receiver is a commoner!

What is this! I'm a viscount, and I must become a mailman for a commoner.

For a moment, such humiliation turned everything dark.

But with the invitation, I also need to deliver the box with the dress, shoes from the prince.

Is this commoner the first prince's mistress?

Is he planning to announce his mistress to everyone at the party?

If that is true, it still be a good chance for me... let's hurry there.

Different from what I think, the receiver is a little girl.

As expected, this is not a mistress. What is the prince thinking...

Since the invitation letter from the prince had to be handed out.

I handed it out from the window of the carriage as not to touch the commoner.

Since there's no need for me to personally hand the box of the dress and shoes.

It was brought out by my servant.

I finished my work, I need to return soon.

Oh, how unpleasant...



❖ Kaoru's POV

Kaoru's thought:

(I guess it isn't good... maybe...) (Kaoru)

Of course, it was on purpose that I ignored that box.

And I can't imagine the meaning of this invitation.

I want to have some backing. But what I wanted is not like this.

A considerable amount of food has been stored.

Of course the money I saved is in the item box as well.

From the last lesson, this time I have plenty of water. Because I can't have bath or wash with only potion.

Okay, I already have my resolution.



Six days later, after the cafeteria closed, I told the staff that there's an important thing I need to tell them so I gather the master and all the employees.

And I honestly tell them that I have been watched by great people, and was called tomorrow.

Of course, I didn't say it was the royal palace, I had not told any lie.

Everyone is surprised and tells me "if I do not like it then I should run away now"

but I laugh and tell them that it will be all right.

Eme-chan and Agarte-chan is crying but they pounded me. Are they sad about their share going away?

No, sorry.

Everyone is sad.

It was the peaceful time we have for a couple of months.

I had grasped the info about country around here as well as the culture, the economy and others.

It's about time to find a place to stay.

Tomorrow, I still worked during lunchtime like normal and then left the store.

I don't escape.

I will go properly, to the royal palace.

This time I will do things properly to make sure there will no pursuers.

Chapter 12

Parties

❖ **Evening. The front gate of the castle, Entrance for pedestrians.**

A noble girl is calling out to the gatekeeper.

“Well, I’m invited, so can I go through?” (Kaoru)

The gatekeeper is surprised.

Of course, he know that the party will be held today. There are also many aristocrats invited.

However, when a noble comes, they usually come with carriage. With family crest of their house.

At least, there’s no such thing as a noble daughter walking alone for sure.

The girl is wearing a dress that is obviously poor to go to the party of the royal palace.

But wearing a dress like that at least means she isn’t a commoner.

And more than anything, she had an invitation card.

If he doesn’t let her go through.

If he forcibly repatriates the nobleman’s daughter who has an invitation letter properly, his head will fly.

Literally and physically.

Besides that, Her eyes is bad, she must be someone who got accustomed to bullying the subordinates, no doubt! His instinct is telling him “do not defy her!”

The girl briefly bowed to the gatekeeper and comes through the gate.

Kaoru wanders inside the royal palace, she's looking for a suitable room.

And she found it, the dressing room.

Well, it's a universal room for ladies, like correcting dresses, tightening corsets and correcting makeup.

And Kaoru changes from Baron's Daughter' dress to Baron's maid dress. These clothes are really helpful.

After changing clothes, she gets out of the room and searches for female servant who seemed to be dignified.

"Excuse me but I was told to go to the party..." (Kaoru)

When she heard Kaoru's voice from behind, the woman turned back towards Kaoru with a bloodshot eyes.

"Supporter from the aristocracy!?"

"Do you have any experience in serving!? Can you walk around with 5 to 6 glasses in the tray?" (Maid)

Kaoru is quite afraid of her eyes... let's not touch that subject for now.

"Yes, I have experience of serving as a waitress..." (Kaoru)

"Great, let's get into work!"

Looks for the clothes that fit your body in the room over there then change clothes immediately!

After that, come to the venue with drinks!

If you get another instruction from the person in charge at the scene, follow their order!" (Maid)

“Yes, right away!” (Kaoru)

Kaoru runs to the room for changing clothes.



First Prince Fernand was looking around at the party venue with a sullen face.

Alan who just returned from the main house in his territory a few days ago approaches Fernand and calls out.

Of course Alan was dressing like aristocracy today.

“What happened Fernand, having such a buddhist face.

I heard that today is the party to pick up your fiance, but if you make such a face, no one would dare come close to you” (Alan)

Alan who just returned to the Kingdom, he has look to visit that shop to know about what happen between Fernand and Kaoru.

“I was just looking for someone” (Fernand)

“Huh, looking for someone...” (Alan)

Noble families always bring their daughters to meet Fernand one after another.

So things like Fernand searching for people himself has never happened before.

Alan who knew about it is really surprised.

“Fernand, if the prince makes such a buddhist face, how can noble daughters dare to approach you...” (Fabio)

“You too?” (Fernand)

Fabio who just appeared, saying the same thing as Alan. Fernand replies with a tired face.

Fabio continues talking.

“Speaking of which, I saw a girl that look like Kaoru a while ago. Why was she in this place... But she was somewhat busy... so I didn’t call out to her...” (Fabio)

“What! Where, where did you see her?” (Fernand)

Fabio and Alan are surprised at Fernand’s reaction.

“Well, she was around there, just a while ago...” (Fabio)

Fernand walks quickly to the direction Fabio pointed to. Fabio and Alan following after him in a panic.

“Hey, what’s wrong, suddenly walking away like that!” (Fabio)

Alan and Fabio are surprised by Fernand who walks in a cheerful spirit different with his grumpy face just a moment ago.

“Oh, I thought that she ignored my invitation, but it seems like she was really coming” (Fernand)

With Fernand’s words, Fabio has a monstrous expression.

“Invitation, are you...?” (Fabio)

Then that girl...

Fernand finally caught sight of Kaoru, calling out to her loudly

“Why, why are you wearing such clothing!?” (Fernand)

“Well, I am a serving maid, isn’t it natural to wear a maid clothing?” (Kaoru)

While returning words calmly, Kaoru thought.

(As expected, he really planned it...) (Kaoru)

The surroundings quieted down because of the commotion between the little maid

and the first Prince.

“I’m not talking about that! Why did you serve as a maid when I invited you here?”
(Fernand)

((((Invitee ???))) (Nobles)

The surrounding nobles are surprised.

But Kaoru responded indiscreetly.

“Well, You delivered only an [Invitation to the party at the castle] without an explanation or anything else.

Anyone would think that you’re asking me, a commoner child to serve as a maid”
(Kaoru)

“what...” (Fernand)

Fernand cried out with surprises. And he immediately shouted in loud voice.

“Viscount Aleman! Where is Viscount Aleman?” (Fernand)

“Yes, I’m here!” (Aleman)

Viscount Aleman, who was also in the venue, came straight away.

Fernand stares at him and said.

“Viscount Aleman, I certainly have told you to deliver [My invitation, the dress and shoes and a letter]. Did you really do as my order? What’s the meaning of this?”
(Fernand)

“Well, I certainly delivered those things!” (Aleman)

The Viscount is shedding sweat when answering.

“Kaoru, he said so...” (Fernand)

When Fernand says so, Kaoru answers.

“Oh, this person? Yes he came to our shop.

Well, he just handed the invitation to enter the castle with only one word [Receive] from the window of the carriage...” (Kaoru)

“Then, the dress and letter...” (Fernand)

“I don’t know anything like that” (Kaoru)

As he heard that, the Viscount desperately denied it.

“That was a lie! I surely delivered the box with dresses, shoes, and letters!” (Aleman)

“Box? Maybe it’s about the baggage that was delivered next to us?” (Kaoru)

“Huh?” (Aleman + Fernand)

“Well, another person seems to have put down some luggage and placed it in the store next door...” (Kaoru)

“Well, what happened to that baggage?” (Fernand)

Fernand yells.

“Of course, He didn’t say anything to me, so I have not touched the baggage addressed to the other store without permission. When I check it later, the recipient seemed to have carried it and the box was gone. That’s it.” (Kaoru)

“Then both the dress and my letter...” (Fernand)

Fernand staring at Aleman, he is furious.

“What the hell are you doing...” (Fernand)

Fernand’s voice as it sounds from hell.

“I will listen to it carefully later, Viscount Aleman” (Fernand)

The Viscount was pale and trembling.

“There’s a mistake, but in the end Kaoru is here, it’s not a big problem” (Fernand)

Fernand grasps Kaoru’s arm.

“Come on, I will introduce you to everyone as my fiancée” (Fernand)

“Eeeeeee!!” (Nobles)

The surrounding nobles, Alan and Fabio and Kaoru herself also shout with surprised voice.

“Why are you saying such stupid things!” (Kaoru)

Kaoru shakes off Fernand’s hand that is grabbing her arms, to take her to the front stage.

“You will not be able to do such a thing with a commoner!” (Kaoru)

“Such a thing can be easily solved, I will have you adopted as a daughter of a noble somewhere” (Fernand)

With Fernand’s words, Kaoru refutes.

“It will be different in turn! Get engaged after adoption and Get adopted after engagement. It’s not funny, you are really strange in your head. Beside, this just mean [You decided to change my original status to daughter of a Noble after getting engaged to me] But no matter how you do it, threatening others not to touch or pry on my original status. It won’t change the fact that [I was just a commoner, just a servant, not a daughter of the noble] Because everyone here already saw it. This will become such a joke, laughing stock for everyone to gossip, and of course this news will spread to the nobility of another country as well!” (Kaoru)

Fernand has bitterly face glared at Aleman again.

“And the most important problem still remains!” (Kaoru)

Saying so, Kaoru stares at Fernand and point her finger.

“Prince, have you ever confirmed whether I would like to be engaged with you?”
(Kaoru)

Fernand was confident that if Kaoru knew that he was a prince. He didn't think that Kaoru would ever reject him.

“I hate it, I'm absolutely refusing to be engaged to the prince.” (Kaoru)

“Eeeeeee!” (Everyone)

Chapter 13

Singles

“I do not want to become the queen, it’s one of 3 worst title ever.

There’s no privacy.

I can’t freely make friends with anyone unless they are high rank noble.

I always have to smile and have grace even when chatting with friends.

My children are taken care of by a nanny.

Family members can’t always have the meal together.

And I have to attend events and parties with aristocrats and royalties from other countries all the time.

And I have to give birth and keep giving birth to more children, my daughter will be given away to another country or another land for diplomacy.

While my husband will sleep with a lot of women in order to have more children.

It’s not fun at all, that isn’t life” (Kaoru)

The queen who was aware of the uproar and was approaching to see the situation was rigid... , Oh, she fainted.

“It is similar to the Marquis and the Earls. I won’t be able to get out of the mansion.

Whenever I go out, it was a party with other nobles.

Because my rank is still very high, I won’t able to make friends easily.

The only one I can talk to is my servants, their position is too low so it’s not friendship, just an employee who obeys orders.

My husband will be absent from work, and my parents-in-law will only tell me to give birth to a baby

As I already become the bride, a person of that house,

I must listen to my husband’s parents.

I’m not allowed to go visit my own parent’s house unless they agree.

And the grandchildren belong to my husband’s family...

And the worst thing, my husband will be allowed to cheat on a dutiful wife under a thing named [Because a lot of children are needed]

And I must live with other mistresses...” (Kaoru)

A few noble wives are crumbling down. They are looking at other male nobles who

seem to be their husband and wondering if that's true...

"In that respect, I heard that a baron and his family is nice.
They still have a status as a nobility,
but they don't have the problem from the power struggle.
There's a little distance with the servants as well.
To the point, we can talk and drink tea together as friends.
My children are also brought up by me with a nanny and lullaby maid...
Living in a small house with my children, celebrating with the people in our territory.
And I will live happy with my family until I grow old" (Kaoru)

The eyes of the noble daughters who were aiming for the high-ranking nobility are swimming.
As parents, the low-rank nobles want to marry their daughter with aristocrat rank as high as possible, but they don't want to make their daughter unhappy.
And the high-rank aristocrats who have their son also frown.

"That's why, for me, the best option is to marry the son of a rich merchant.
Or become the bride of a lower aristocrat.
Which doesn't get restricted or overwhelmed by high-ranking or live a luxury boring life
If there's a need for work with the country, I can leave it to my parents in law,
who is originally aristocrats that have advanced education" (Kaoru)

The party venue went quiet.

"Well, I do not care about such things!
I want your wisdom and knowledge!
If you have that intelligence and that beauty,
I can make use of that to govern this country..." (Fernand)

Fernand cries out loud.

"Wisdom, knowledge, intelligence, and beauty.
It is all condition that you can make use of me.
Even if you like human beings like me, it's nothing but using me...
What about my intention?
What about the heart of one human being, Kaoru?
Such a thing isn't worth at all to the prince, isn't it?" (Kaoru)

“Well, that is...” (Fernand)

Cat got Fernand’s tongue.

Kaoru picks up a dish from the top of the side table and she hits to the corner of the table to break the plate for holding food.

Kaoru picks one of its fragments with her fingers.

Everyone in the party gaze at her.

Sha! (SFX)

Kaoru cuts her right cheek deeply with that fragment.

“Wh... what...!” (Fernand)

Her blood is flowing out.

Fernand can’t move and his mutter voice can’t be heard while other Noble Daughters screams.

The other aristocrats just stood while stunned in there.

“Here you are, [a foolish and ugly woman].

Right now I’m just an ugly commoner little girl with no value, no advantage for the Prince.

So you can not use me anymore” (Kaoru)

As she said so, with no one stopping her, Kaoru walked away from the venue.

The venue was wrapped in silence for a while.

And the first words that were released...

“What a rant! I thought she was a disrespectful commoner but she was splendid”
(Earl)

An Earl raise his voice to concede Kaoru.

“If she becomes the first prince’s fiancée while still being a commoner,
it will become a source of confusion for politicians and diplomacy.

She even throws her own beauty and the queen seat by herself!

And she also makes herself a villain...

Despite being a commoner, she chose the country’s well-being rather than herself!

Such loyalty!" (Earl)

Although Kaoru was somewhat aggressive.
In order to protect the prince's face,
The Earl planned to "make it a good story"
Because all he said is praising the commoner girl, no one complains.
Besides, if the reputation of the first prince falls too much,
the faction who are in favor of the second prince Gislán will grow strong.

The Earl is making the story like the commoner girl does all that for the country's well-being and for the prince by hurting herself.
He thought so and it was a brisk move.
The place is thrown by momentum.

Other nobles' voices of admiration began leaking out of the venue following the Earl's words. The Earl's measure was going well.

"Fernand, you, what are you trying..." (Alan)

Alan turns his attention to Fernand who is falling to his knees.

"It seems like he was trying to take over that girl at the right time. And get his majesty the king's approval by announcing that girl as his fiancée..." (Fabio)

Fabio seems sorry.

"But if she really became your fiancée, this might have been a fun day..." (Alan)

In that word of Alan, Fernand regrets his foolish action.
But the broken dishes can't return.

"Tomorrow, please go to see her with Alan.
I can't go there anymore.
I think you should introduce her to a work or a job.
Because with that wound, she can't work at that store anymore" (Fernand)

Fernand, in a small voice muttered to ask his friends.



It hurts, it hurts, it hurts a lot, so painful !!

As soon as she left the venue, Kaoru drank a pain-killer and a bleeding stop potion right away to stop the pain and bleeding.

(Yeah, nobody chased after me. Now proceed with the escape from the capital plan!)

(Kaoru)

Kaoru goes straight to the outside gate.

Kaoru runs on the street in the night with a small stroke, everyone on the street turns their eyes to her.

A girl from 10 to 12 years old wearing a superior maid dress exclusive to the royal palace.

She is pretty cute, however, her eyes are quite bad and her face has a wound.

Everyone can't help but wonder about her.

Kaoru arrived at the gate at last and spoke to the gatekeeper.

"Excuse me, I will leave!" (Kaoru)

When it becomes completely dark, both the gate for the carriage and even the gate for the pedestrian is closed.

And it only opens and closes only when there are rare occasions of the nightly visitors. At such time, the voice of the girl who seems to be still young want to "go out"

The good gatekeeper came out of his standby position with a lamp.

Depending on circumstances, he planned to persuade and detain.

There are various dangers outside the wall barrier at the night.

"Why... Uwa!" (Gate Keeper)

The gatekeeper has a surprise voice when looking at Kaoru's face.

"I brought an arrogance of the aristocrat, so I have to leave the city soon..." (Kaoru)

On her cheek, there was a deep cut.

Even the blood was stopped, it was a bad wound.

If it's a sharp and beautiful cut, it may heal to the point un-noticeable.

But she would like meat plucked will leave a big scar.
For a young girl, it was too much difficult for her future life.

It can not be helped if she need to escape from the aristocracy that may further harm her at any time.

From the perspective of risk, it may be a little better if she goes outside.

“Please wait a moment” (Gate keeper)

The gatekeeper after returning to the waiting station, he brought out something and gave it to Kaoru.

A leather bag containing water, snack-like foods, and five silver coins.

“This is...” (Kaoru)

“Please take it with you” (Gate keeper)

As he said so, the gate-keeper opens the gate gently.

Kaoru lowered her head to the gatekeeper and went through the gate.

After walking a little, she immediately makes a healing potion and drinks it.

The cheek’s wound completely healed and disappeared in an instant.

“Oh, I’ve got the Royal maid’s clothes,...

Well, whatever.

This may also be useful in various ways!” (Kaoru)

The blood traces can be cleaned with the potion.

I will be going to the neighboring country Balmoa Kingdom’s capital city Gurua.

“Well, let’s go!” (Kaoru)



A few years later. (*Translator Spoiler: Not a time skip*)

The City gate-keeper was hurrying his way home with an awful face.

Last year, his cute son had an accident and got injured.

Fortunately, his son is still alive, but his right eye was blind and the left eyesight was

also greatly reduced.

Thinking of the future of his son, it was unavoidable that his heart became heavy.

(Only If I can get the “tears of the goddess” from the rumors) (Gate keeper)

A yellow medicine that is stored in an elaborate glass vial.

However, such secret medicine is hard to obtain even for aristocrats, let alone commoners like him...

“Welcome home. A little while ago, a girl brought something that is addressed to you”
(Gate keeper’s wife)

After hearing that, the gate-keeper opened the wrapper of the small box that was put on the table, as his wife said so.

Several items and a letter were in the box.

(From whom, what is it...) (Gate keeper)

He began reading the letter, in the meantime, his face is gradually distorted with amazement.

He grabbed one thing out of the box and called out to his son loudly.

“Joshua, Joshua!!” (Gate keeper)

His son Joshua, was surprised by his father’s eager voice and tried to look at his father even though he can barely see anything.

The gate-keeper let his son drink the liquid filled in a small bottle with trembling hands.

Next moment...

“What?... my eyes... I can with my eyes...? Eh, there is no scar, why?” (Joshua)

A man holding his son and shedding tears non-stop.

On the table, there’s a letter that is in the box and some items...

“Thank you for helping me before.

I’m returning the one I borrowed at that time.

I happen to get the thing called [tears of the goddess] ,

I will give it to you in return for your kindness,
so please accept it" (Kaoru's letter)

...and the familiar leather bag together with 5 silver coins.

He knew the girl who ran off from the capital a few years ago when working as the gatekeeper.

The girl that he helped a few years ago.

His flowing tears won't stop.

"Goddess..." (Gate Keeper)

Chapter 14

To the neighboring country, Balmor Kingdom

❖ Kaoru's POV

After escaping from Brancott Kingdom, I kept walking for several days towards the neighboring country.

Fortunately, a nice and kind merchant picked me up and I was saved.

Actually I'm 15 years old but my body is kinda small, so people may think I'm younger, it's kind of frustrating but I was saved at such times.

Hmm, Should I add some pad in the wedding time?

But that gatekeeper is really a nice person.

To be honest, I have enough water and food in the item box, but since he was worrying about me, I received it silently.

Someday I will thank him if I have the chance.

The merchant who gave me a ride on his carriage seems to have a shop in Gurua Kingdom.

And I'm not forgetting my original intention, to collect information. Who knows if there is a time I need to become a merchant myself in the future. Yeah, I have a nice merchant right here.

However, it seems that his son who is in charge of shop, told him to stop spreading information about his shop because it's risky.

So boring, alright I'm going to sit next to the merchant at the driver seat instead of the cargo loading platform.

If I'm going to live in the Balmoa Kingdom or the Gurua Kingdom from now on, the information from this merchant who seems to be resident of the royal city should be useful.

For now, I'm thinking about settling in Gurua kingdom. But first of all I will need to do information gathering, information gathering directly from this merchant himself...

(T.N: I don't have the sales knowledge, if you spot any mistake please tell me, words have many meaning and I may mistaken what the Author wanted to say.

By the way, it's look like the Merchant and Kaoru are talking about many things not just 1 simple topic so the dialog may jump to another topic)

"Ho, so did that store drop sales?" (Merchant)

"Yes, it was called "Half-price at the end of weekdays" and "Holiday bargain"

They can profit even if they sell at half price... the price is calculated..." (Kaoru)

"I see..." (Merchant)

"So, we tried to make a significant discount sale just before closing and or when we want to take care of unsold goods.

Everyone started to wait (line-up) without buying even before discounting time" (Kaoru)

"Then..." (Merchant)

"We will do some service for that long-line customers, but some customers can't sit down waiting and they will wander elsewhere to kill some time somewhere before the half-priced sales..." (Kaoru)

"We need an eye-catching item,... Marketing? Baiting?" (Merchant)

"Turning down customers and narrowing down the target audience?

No, by doing that then we would only lose some customers..." (Kaoru)

...Just what has happened, this is supposed to be an information gathering!!



❖ Merchant's POV

What an interesting girl !

I had left the store management to my son and I'm only running as peddler as a hobby.

I picked up a little girl a few days ago on the way returning home in Gurua Kingdom.

A girl walking slowly without having luggage, aged about 11 to 12 years old.

It seems that she was heading to the Kingdom, but where did such light-dressed girl came from?

It is clear that she will take more time than ordinary people to reach the city. She has a small and delicate body that seems to end if she meets a wild dog, let alone bandit or monster.

I also have a daughter, I couldn't leave her alone.

Although there was some space in the loading platform, she came to the driver seats as she was bored and asked a lot about the kingdom.

It seems that she is looking for a job in the Kingdom.

Before I knew it, the talk became business, the story about the shop that she knew. She is telling me that's "The story she heard from people"

What a surprise.

Why does she know so many stories?

How can someone talk about such a story so that a girl in a rural town can hear about it.

The merchant can't speak the details of the job so easily.

Moreover, there are many parts that even I, an experienced merchant don't understand but she understands the circumstances and cause properly, she also adds

her own consideration, and also a sharp opinion!

Until now, I didn't think much about discounting.

There are items with expenses that align with the sales floor, and there's a proper profit rate.

There's also trust in each of the manufacturer, the seller, and the buyer.

I have always sold goods at a price suitable for that product.

That's not too expensive nor too cheap to avoid disturbing the market...

However, the story about the half-price and discounting that this girl was talking about was really interesting.

Sometimes what she talks about corrects my own beliefs, it was really interesting.

The girl keeps saying "I heard that there was such a thing", but she is clearly familiar with the situation and she is also adding her own ideas when talking.

This girl will become an amazing person in future.

If she is looking for work, it should be no problem to hire her in our shop.

If she asks the name of our shop, I will be glad to accept her.

Okay, let's do that!



We arrived at the gate of the Kingdom.

Just in a few minutes and we will be done with gate checking point. Alright, let's do it.

"Kaoru, if it's okay, are you willing to work at my shop? I can provide you a living place, too. So you don't have to worry about place to stay" (Merchant)

After thinking for a while, the girl smiled and answered.

“No, it’s fine, I will look for a job by myself...” (Kaoru)

Huh?

“Ah, I haven’t told you the name of our shop yet, we are “Abiri Trading Company” and I’m the owner of that company, Johann Abiri. Are you surprised ?”

I tell her so with confidence and smile.

“...Oh, is that so. Since I am a new to this Kingdom, I had been rude back there. Thank you for picking me up. It’s a pleasure to talk with you. I will repay this kindness someday. Well then, till we meet again!” (Kaoru)

The little girl gets off the carriage that stopped at the end of the checking row, walks away after giving thanks.

Johann Abiri, Abiri trading company chairman is disappointedly watching the girl walk away.

“...Well, we are Abiri Trading Company... It was said that we are going to enter the top 3 in the kingdom. We are famous even in neighboring countries. There are many people who wish to work at our place, Abiri Trading Company... For those who came out from the countryside , they should love to work at Abiri Trading Company...” (Johann)

Johann’s voice gradually became weak, and silent.



❖ Kaoru’s POV

(That Merchant looks like a nice person. But if I accept living in a small shop I be will busy with various chores. And maybe, I will not have any free time like working until late at night and open the shop first time in the morning. I don’t know whether there will be any holiday... I’m sorry, but I will search for a job with more free time. Now I have to find someone who can shelter me or I will make my own stand...) (Kaoru)

❖ Kingdom Gurua Working Center

Well, this is no good...

I kept searching for job with suitable recruitment.

It has been a long time since I started to investigate.

I went to the reception in order to apply about twice, but rejected as “underage is no good”

Even though it wasn't any strange job...

When I'm kind of feeling down, a man who was doing office work in the back addressed the receptionist.

“Hey, Aria, what about that child? Can she work at Bard-san's...?” (Male receptionist)

“Oh, that's right...” (Aria)

The receptionist lady heard that, looking at Kaoru for a while.

“Can you do housework like cleaning and cooking?” (Aria)

My parents had been all working, so I took care of my siblings and housework since I was a junior high school student.

“Yes, my mother was working, so I am good at housework and taking care of children!” (Kaoru)

“Oh, maybe you can do it... working similar to a live-in helper, how about that?” (Aria)

According to the explanation of the reception lady, it seems that a small workshop is looking for a live-in helper. There are totally 5 people including the workshop owner.

Everyone is not a bad person, but other helper find it hard to stay.

Work, meals, care, cleaning, washing, and other chores.

Everybody except the workshop owner are lazy and never do anything beside work, they are all eating meals at the workshop.

It would be troublesome to return home, make a meal, eat meal and return to the workshop.

It won't be so busy and if I properly clean everyday, I could make free time.

Even if I need to prepare meals, it doesn't matter if I can't go out during the weekday.

There's also a holiday. Everyone seems to go eat outside for something appropriate on that day.

Well, since there was also a period when there's no helper that works on the workshop, it was a mess, can I clean that much?

...Eh, what is it? It's an ideal job, for me!



"I came with an introduction from the Working Center, my name is Kaoru" (Kaoru)

"Oh, you don't have to be so tense like that. Please do it comfortably" (Bard)

The place that I will be working is "Maiyaru workshop"

When I say my introduction, the workshop owner , Bard-san said that with a smile. Good, I was saved.

"In the meantime, let's stay for a couple of days, it will be a trial period, the introduction fee isn't high with other helpers quitting soon each time" (Bard)

Bard says so and smiles bitterly.

"Well, for the time being, why don't you introduce yourself to everyone? If you think you can't do it, please don't keep it to yourself and tell me sooner... well, I'm kind of used to it, I don't really mind" (Bard)

"I understand" (Kaoru)

Isn't he kind of negative...?

And I was guided to a laboratory-like place rather than a workshop, a work room...

The moment he opens the door.

"...Muu" (Kaoru)

Odor.

Man sweat and body odor, chemical odor. Something smells like rotten. Is there corpse hidden somewhere?

And there are 4 men.

Two of them are lying on the floor.

One middle age, two young men, one boy. Well, even though he is a boy, he is an adult here.

"Get up, Carlos, Alban, There's a new helper candidate!" (Bard)

Both of them jumped up from their place.

"Thank you!" (Carlos, Alban)

"No, it's still only a "trial period" !"

Bard stabbed a nail.

From the top, Carlos-san is 32 years old, Acil-san is 21 years old, Alban-san is 19, Brian-san is 16 years old.

Everyone seems to be doing their best to become a technician.

According to Bard's explanation, this isn't just a workshop that makes money by making products and selling it.

They make money by developing a new technology by doing various research too, and creating a new product just like a “laboratory”

However, since there is no financial supporter from anywhere, they also make ordinary products to fund research expenses and living expenses.

As their aim is certain, make normal products good for earning and living.

The main research project is money consuming.

Because those products in the research field aren't suitable for business etc.

And, these aren't businessmen but a group of researchers, so there is no concept like working time.

Sometimes they don't wash their body for days, forgetting meals and fainting.

They stay in the lab for days. they often speak about the content of the research, but they don't know much when it comes to general public...

(...Ah, I need to take care of 5 children) (Kaoru)

Kaoru accurately grasped the situation.

After each person introduced themselves and gave a brief explanation, it's question time.

“Well, can you clean and cook?” (Bard)

“Cleaning is my forte, I have been taking care of family housework. And I'm also good at cooking, I've been cooking meals for my family from a long time ago.

Also the meals I made at the dining hall where I worked were adopted as official menus” (Kaoru)

Huh, Everyone's eyes have full of expectation.

“Well, there are things I want you to be careful about when cleaning here...” (Bard)

“Ah I know. Even if it seems like it’s messy but the location is properly decided, so I will not move it without permission. Even if there are paper scraps, it may be an important memo, so don’t discard it arbitrarily. Also the drugs are dangerous so don’t try to smell it, don’t touch it, don’t mix it, don’t throw it away?...” (Kaoru)

“Huh...?” (4 men)

“Oh, did you work in same kind of place before?” (Bard)

“No, I never did it before...” (Kaoru)

“.....” (5 men)

“Oh, about that, we are loose at time... If we are keen on research, we may forget the meal time...” (Bard)

“Well, aren’t men all like that?” (Kaoru)

4 men are watching Kaoru with glittering eyes filled with expectations.

The expression of Bard is also good.

Maybe Kaoru will settle in...

Chapter 15

Hesitation

A few days after that, Kaoru was officially accepted, and the workshop paid the referral fee to the Working Center.

With her knowledge and experience, she easily grasps everyone's working habit.

Because everyone tends to work over time and forget their meal, she saves labor by making simple Rice-balls or sandwiches. Of course, she still cooks proper meal when everyone finished their work (not just on break).

Most of her work is organizing and cleaning the workshop. Thanks to "Kaoru special deodorant" that she explained to everyone "It made by mixing tea and fruit juice and other various ingredients", the stench of the room was also improved dramatically.

In this way, the Kaoru has established a firm position within the workshop.

And thus when she was able to spend her free time, she often went to the library. The usage fee of the library remained high as usual.

"Uhm, Acil-san, what are you making?" (Kaoru)

Kaoru asked Acil after seeing him using an unusual tool to build items for raising some funds instead of researching.

"Ah, I'm making a bottle, there's an order from a noble acquaintance.

He need something light and durable to store liquor but doesn't change the taste of the liquor. Because the buyer is a noble, I can sell it at a good price.

Well, It can't compare with beautiful silver item. Though it should be enough for everyday use" (Acil)

Unlike other staff members, Acil-san is a noble.

However, he is the third son of a Baron house.

Because he is the last child, he is the last one that have a chance to succeed to the house.

As a result, his father, the current owner made Acil-san working.

No, it isn't neglect or anything. He left Acil to choose his own future

He has good brothers, family and friends.

Back to topic, he is making a container, then...

I wonder if I can move a little sooner than I planned.

"Ah... that's right. Actually, an acquaintance of mine is making glass containers. Because she was making it as a hobby, she didn't sell it nor had shop to do it. But right now, she wants to sell some to get a little money... Can I borrow a small portion of the display shelf?" (Kaoru)

That shelf used for displays finished products, to show the technical capabilities of the workshop. It can serve as a reference for ordered customers, and it's also a selling item with a price tag.

Since this workshop was mainly made for order production, there was enough space on the shelf.

"Well, I guess it's probably okay, but you must get permission from Bard-san" (Acil)

"I understand, I will ask" (Kaoru)

And Bard gives permission easily. It's a request of a girl who worked well, cooked delicious food and improved their living after all.

"Ooohh..." (5 men)

Looking at the glass container, five researchers include Bard have lost their words.

“What a beautiful...” (either 1 of 4 men)

“The one making this have great creation skills, not only it has great design but also the transparency and radiance of this glass... What is it, just what is this...” (Acil)

Kaoru “Friend’s hobby handmade product” was an amazing item.

The bottle made of shining crystal glass, and had symmetrical stylish design body and a large lid part.

The lid was in the shape of a goddess with a wing, and had a presence that distinctive than the bottle itself and which was the main. No, surely the lid must be the main.

Crystal glass. It is made by adding lead oxide etc. to the glass raw material, and it is really transparent and it glows which are not comparable with ordinary glass.

It’s rude to name this a glass, because a glass which is a noncrystalline substance can’t compare with this item.

Anyway, it is much more expensive than glass, and it can’t put into practical use here.

Originally, people in this world make glass works by cutting glass and forging. So crystal products may not have a very fine workmanship in some cases.

But this was very fine workmanship. Rather than forging, it cuts crystal to every single detail.

“Kaoru-chan... I wonder if we can meet this person who made this...” (Acil)

“Oh, the artisan lady. Her house is strict. It seems she secretly making this with single-handedly during her free time while hiding it from her family. She is mainly helping with her family’s work after all. And she also isn’t good with men (phobia)...” (Kaoru)

“This is made single-handedly and during free time between family business,

...single-handed...” (Acil)

Oh, everyone seems taking damage other than the fact that they can’t meet the artisan as well.

“Okay, I can help finding buyer for her instead” (Acil)

Oh, everyone resurrected.



And, the display on the commodity shelf was canceled.

It can't be help, display it will make a fuss. And if customers think that is the technology of this workshop, everyone will in trouble if customers demand it.

For that reason, Acil-san used his connection, brought it to an aristocratic auction and sold it.

...after all that I got three gold coins. I paid six small gold coins as a commission to the workshop.

Comparing with food expenses of the workshop, this is about one month worth. And that glass container is actually...

“The ability to make medicine that have any effect that you wanted, that medicine will go into the container as you thought at that time” ability

Yes, Kaoru was able to earn money even without potion sales or knowledge cheat.



Peaceful days as a helper passed.

Occasionally Kaoru sold crystal glass containers for money so she could go to the library as many times as she wanted.

In the item box, there are enough food, change of clothes, knives, flints, blankets etc.

She prepared them for unforeseen circumstances.

Well, as long as nothing happen, she doesn't plan to run away.

I already got knowledge similar to ordinary citizens, and a steady workplace.

Not that I don't want to enjoy this life right now, but I don't want to be a helper for a lifetime.

I got a cheat after reincarnated, so I want to live more freely.

Besides, I got a guarantee that I can give influence to the world, from the goddess who is the only god of this world.

A potion may well be useful to someone for a while.

Well, I shouldn't rush, I must wait a chance...



One day, when Kaoru was cleaning the entrance of the workshop, a vagrant child passed by and a rolled paper scraps fell.

Kaoru picked up the paper waste and put it in her pocket.

People is cleaning, pick up thrown away garbage. It seems quite natural scenes but other may think it's strange if the viewer sees it.

Yes, it's impossible for a vagrant child to have expensive paper, and easily throw it away as garbage.

Kaoru spreads the paper waste from her pocket in the kitchen and read the letters written there.

"The mother of the child in the poor ward.

Serious and sincere

She worked... wonderful... raise her daughter

but suffered... serious injuries by aristocracy" (Paper's Note)

A vagrant child can write is already a talent, of course we can't expect he to write using proper words.

Kaoru make schedule for tonight.



After finishing the dinner at the workshop, Kaoru clean up everything.

And after making late-night snacks, she got out of the workshop, she changed to easy-to-move clothes.

Everyone is keen on work and research, and no one notices that.

Even if she got noticed, she can just say that she went out for shopping.

As she walked a bit, she could see the vagrant child in front of her.

He began to walk and Kaoru followed after with a sufficient distance.

Before she knew it, there were several vagrant children behind Kaoru as well.

While keeping the distance, they follow Kaoru while watching the surroundings.

As they keep walking as it is, they arrive in front of a shabby hut in the poor ward.

The boy who lead ahead stopped and gestured like a signal.

(This is the place...) (Kaoru)

Kaoru changed the color of her hair and eyes, hidden her face with mask, wrapped in mantle and entered the hut.

"...Who?" (Loli)

The young girl asks the suspicious person wearing a mask that went into her house without permission...

Even she is just a young girl but she tries her best to threaten the suspicious person.

Even without any words, Kaoru understand this young girl wants to say “I must protect my mother who is in bed after being injured! Even with the cost of my life!”

“Use this on your mother” (Kaoru)

“...Who are you?” (Loli)

The young girl asked back without losing her caution.

“Uhm... , I’m Celes’s...” (Kaoru) *(T.N: I’m Celes’s friend)*

“Celes? Who?” (Loli)

“Ah, Celestine, do you know her?” (Kaoru)

“!!!” (Loli)

There’s no one in this world doesn’t know the name of goddess, even just a child.

Also, there is no-one dare to name their daughter with the name of the goddess.

In this world, the goddess isn’t an imaginary one, because she sometimes appeared. The last time is several decades ago. It’s a “real god” who saved people and gave an oracle.

“I’d like to give your mother some medicine, is that okay?” (Kaoru)

“Um!” (Loli)



“I’m done. Thank for the information and sorry for the trouble” (Kaoru)

“Well, I and everyone will escort you back to the workshop” (Boy)

“Yep, please” (Kaoru)

As a result, the boy went ahead, Kaoru followed him with some distances and pretending to be irrelevant, other children followed after Kaoru and keep watching

until Kaoru return to the workshop.

Chapter 16

Masked Girl

One day, the Kaoru went out to buy ingredients in the market and collided with a vagrant boy.

While looking at the back of the vagrant who runs away, Kaoru put her hand in her waist.

(Oh, the pouch is gone...) (Kaoru)

Yes, that boy is a pickpocket.

Although she looks like a child, Kaoru has come to buy on the market every few days. Everyone would know from the amount of food she brought that she had reasonable money.

And since she is still a small girl, the boy doesn't need to worry about her able to run faster than he is to catch him.

That vagrant child was probably thinking Kaoru is a good prey.

However, Kaoru had an item box for such a time.

The real pouch is in the item box.

The pouch that got stolen was just a dummy one. And what inside is...

Kaoru slowly walked to the direction the vagrant boy ran away.

Normally, after stealing he should run to a safe place, steal the contents of the pouch and throw it away.

Even though there are people who write their names in their pouch, no one is writing their names in the money inside.

It is so-called destroying the evidence. Well, soon...

Gyaa~ ah ~ (Boy)

Here it comes.

When the Kaoru reached the screaming scene, there was a boy who looked about the same as Kaoru.

It was a child about 11 to 12 years old, he grabbed the right wrist with his left hand

and screaming out of agony.

Of course, that boy is the pickpocket.

The boy's right hand was swollen with an eerie purple.

There's also a considerable pain. Because Kaoru made such a medicine.

Looking at Kaoru's appearance, the boy was overflowing with tears like begging for help.

It can't be helped.

Kaoru ordered the boy to take a medicine and instructed him to drink it.

When he took the medicine, the swelling and pain were cured.

Actually, in case that he escaped, that swelling pain would be cured naturally after a certain amount of time. After suffering considerable pain.

"If you dare to steal from God, you will regret it, get it, young man" (Kaoru)

"Er, God...?" (Boy)

The Kaoru grinned and said.

"If you dare to do it again, next time goddess's punishment won't be just this degree" (Kaoru)

"Hiii ~ii!" (Boy)

The boy is trembling as he put his head against the ground.

Mean while Kaoru is wondering... why was he doing something like this?

"So, why do you have to pickpocket?... well, there's no need to ask, is it?" (Kaoru)

He can't find anything to eat if he doesn't do something like this.

"Actually, Bel's condition is really bad..." (Boy)

Oh, someone got sick?

"Please show me around" (Kaoru)

“Eh...?” (Boy)

❖ Poor Area/slum

And the boy guides Kaoru to an abandoned shop located at the edge of the slum. There are totally seven boys and girls living here, where even the walls also collapsed. When Kaoru asked who is sick or in bad health condition, everyone raised their hands. Yes, of course, it was all of them.

“Everyone, line up!” (Boy)

The pickpocket boy arranges the children who are confused.

Apparently, this child is the oldest.

Although 12 years old may be young, compared to 15 years old Kaoru that was Japanese, he might even look older.

“Okay, get it in order” (Kaoru)

Kaoru distributes potions for recovering injuries and diseases and lets them drink.

“Okay, please drink this again” (Kaoru)

This time is a potion that recovers the weakened internal organs and muscles, potion of nutrition improvement.

These are different from injuries and diseases, and Kaory didn’t like to pack too many effects into one potion, so she divided them into two.

“Eh...” (Child 1)

“My foot isn’t hurt” (Child 2)

“My body is light!” (Child 3)

“My heart is not painful...” (Child 4)

The children raise their voice of surprise, one after another.

Well, I wonder what to do.

If I leave these children as they are, they will follow their old road again.

However, is it possible to take care of a large number of children when I was just a hired assistant?

If it isn't possible, I will not come here from the beginning.

Didn't I already decide what to do?

Yes, It isn't bad to "use this power for self-defense" , "potions may be useful for someone for a while" and "I want to live more freely as I like!"

It's time to start my plan!

A girl named Nagase Kaoru lived by choosing a safe path, avoiding danger.

Well, in the end, she got a strange death due to strange reason, though.

So why should I repeat such a way of life again here?

Rules and safety, even ethics in this world are completely different from Japan?

Even though I got cheat from the goddess, but should I only use it on "me myself, my family or some close friends" ?

And don't get related to any other people?

Such a boring life.

Nagase Kaoru is dead.

Now, current me at this another world has a new life, "Kaoru" has reborn in this world.

And this Kaoru was allowed to live freely by the goddess.

From now, I am not the "Japanese Nagase Kaoru" but "Kaoru" that will live in this world as I like.

I even got the goddess' seal of approval!

"Children!" (Kaoru)

Kaoru put her hands on her waist and stretched her chest.

"I am Kaoru, a friend of the goddess Celestine, was given discretion from Celestine, I am fully enjoying this world as a human being" (Kaoru)

Of course, there is no lie.

Children don't seem to understand well.

"To put it simply, you can say that I love human beings like you" (Kaoru)

Noisy.

“So I am thinking that I should give some kind of blessing to the righteous people, as I did for you just now” (Kaoru)

At the children who have recovered from their injuries and illnesses.
They started to understand the meaning of the miraculous healthy body.
They were moved by tears that the goddess gave them the blessing, they have thought they were being abandoned by like humans and being treated like rubbish.

“But it is hard to find righteous people who are really in trouble and blessing them.
Because right now, I am having a human’s body.
So here is the deal, aren’t you going to help me by becoming my servant?
I will give you a healthy body and food in return” (Kaoru)

Seven children bowed down, and Kaoru got 7 servants.
And Kaoru taught the children.
Her identity and actions are absolutely confidential.
If someone knows about it and tries to exploit the power of the goddess, the punishment will fall to the kingdom and Kaoru will return.

Even if you try to sell a secret, a bad guy will only pay for money when they listen to information, but after that, you will be killed to monopolize the secret.
Kaoru has cured the children’s injuries, diseases and gives a minimum amount of food, but not everything.
They will become useless human being if Kaoru provides everything, they will need to get it with their own power.

Children who experienced miracles with their own body didn’t have the option to doubt. In order to improve their own lives, children searched for jobs like errands and chores. As they do that they will listen to various stories and gather information about “righteous people, those who are suffering from injuries and diseases”

And the children have tried to escort the goddess.
Kaoru prepared cloaks and masks to conceal her identity.
She thinks that she was cool, but it was pretty bad.

A child seems to cry when sees her on the street...

And Kaoru's goddess activities began.

Smoothly.

Based on the information gathered by the children, she helped those who suffer from injury and illness.

Little by little... until...

There is a certain rumor that spreads in the royal city.

It seems that the goddess will save righteous people.

She never saves those with a bad heart.

You must not betray the goddess.

The eyes of the goddess are everywhere.

❖ Secret organization "Home of the goddess"

It was just a rundown house that seven abandoned children have settled down.

"Do you want to change that name?" (Kaoru)

"We don't want to change it!" (Children)

Kaoru's wish was dismissed. Even though she is a goddess.



Today after done with her work from the workshop, Kaoru comes to the slum...

because she knows the efficient way to work, she has a lot of free time.

And she cooks meals for the children.

Children usually cook themselves in a coarse pot.

To be honest, it doesn't taste good, so occasionally she cooks for them.

Kaoru has told the children, "Since I am enjoying human life now, I also have to keep secrets.

In case people find out, remember, I'm just a kind helping a girl who comes to make meals for you occasionally"

"So, the daughter of that merchant is sick, but she is rich, don't you think that merchant can afford to cure her?" (Kaoru)

“Even if he has money, there are injuries and diseases that can not be cured, and that person is a nice person.” (Boy)

Pickpoc~... no, because he isn't pickpocket anymore so let's call him by name. Emil-kun explains.

“He occasionally cooks for the poor, but he always says “Because I am a hypocrite, I just like to enjoy myself in this way”, he is a good person, isn't he?” (Emil)

Oh... what can I say... he is really a nice person.

❖ Late night. A trading house's back door.

Kaoru knocking on the door and a woman's voice asking back from inside.

“...who is there?” (Woman)

“Masked... no, no, I'm a pharmacist” (Kaoru)

“Please, come in” (Woman)

As expected, it's impossible for an amateur to sneak into a big merchant house.

Even we have informed them beforehand.

Even if I say inform, I merely write a letter and let a child deliver it.

People can't help but get suspicious.

However, if it is for their daughter, the parents still want to bet on that.

He is a “good Tsundere”

And there's only one visitor, and others who escorted will be watching the place. For the time being, the woman servant let that person pass through.

However, if the visitor knows that person is just a child, they will be more skeptical.

“I've been informed” (Woman)

Kaoru was guided by a woman servant, they passed through the backyard into the mansion, and went into a room.

A female servant who sees a girl with a suspicious mask and does not even show upset and announces it calmly. No, I'd rather say she is a pro. As expected, a servant of a large store.

And in that room, there is a girl lying on the bed, a woman and a man sitting in the chairs and seem to be that girl's parents and a boy who seems to be her brother. There is no guard.

Three people who saw the appearance of the Kaoru entering the room were surprised with a half-open mouth.

When they thought that the goddess was coming and the one coming is a girl with a dubious mask. It can't be helped that they are surprised.

When looking at the people in the room, Kaoru raises her voice.

"What? Merchant?" (Kaoru)

The man stands there is that merchant, Johann Abiri. The one who gave Kaoru a ride on his carriage.

"Eh? Kaoru-chan?" (Johann)

From the voice calling him merchant, hair length, shape, Johan immediately noticed the identity, even if the color of hair was changed.

"Why are you coming to this place?" (Johann)

I was busted.

Chapter 17

Merchant chief

“Why, why is Kaoru here...?” (Johann)

Johann’s eyes are open wide.

“Well, I come to cure your daughter’s illness...” (Kaoru)

“Wait... so, Kaoru-chan... is a goddess...” (Johann)

As expected of a merchant, he knows the valuable information.

It seems that he had grasped the rumor that’s yet widespread.

“Well, Something like that” (Kaoru)

Johann reassures his wife and son. Meanwhile, Kaoru takes off her mask.

“Let her drink this” (Kaoru)

Johann received a small bottle from Kaoru with trembling hands. He pays close attention so that it will not overflow, he carefully pours into the mouth of his daughter that lays down in the bed.

The face of his daughter who was suffering gradually better and her cheeks change from pale to a slightly pink. Her breath became calmer and stable.

“Oh...” (Johann + wife +son)

Johann couples and their son are amazed. The daughter recovered. Everyone thought so.

“Why, why is Goddess blessing us...?” (Johann)

Johann asks Kaoru with trembling voice.

“I am indebted to Mr. Merchant in various ways.

And I know, you are doing some good deeds like giving foods for the poor” (Kaoru)

“Oooooo...” (Johann)

Johann cried. To think that his actions have been rewarded with his daughter’s life.

He has almost given up, but the goddess knows it properly. He wonders if his own belief has saved his daughter.

“Thank you very much, you are really an angel...” (Johann)

“No, no, calling me Kaoru just like before is okay, Mr. Merchant” (Kaoru)

“But... well, that would be better, for sure” (Johann)

Truly a successful merchant, he has a fast understanding.

“So, how should we repay you?” (Johann)

Actually, I also got a lot of offer people I cured. But I have never taken any money from poor people.

I was only receiving a feeling of appreciation. Or get one radish in the kitchen, or a cloth or tools for the children, and so on.

But all of this was the “preparation for the time to oppose nobility and rich people” that may happen someday.

But I can’t dress up myself because it cost a lot of money. Therefore, I will need “a nice dress as thankful items from him”

“Well... I don’t really need anything...

Ah, that’s right!” (Kaoru)

This might be a good timing. Because I will need it soon, maybe.

“Could you give me something to wear, like clothes for noble...” (Kaoru)

Well, it will soon become difficult with just a dress of Baron daughter from that old town when I need to attend a big party.

“Ha ha, leave it to me.

I, Johann Abili, will use all the power of the Abiri Trading Company...” (Johann)

“No, no need to go that far!” (Kaoru)

Then Kaoru was guided to another room, and another woman servant begins to take measurements.

Oh, I should remember the merchant’s name soon. That’s right, Johann.

❖ Two weeks after the visit of Abiri Merchant Company

From the morning, Acyl-san is acting strangely. He keeps glancing over at Kaoru, avert his eyes and sigh.

Did he fall in love with me?

It’s no wonder that Kaoru thinks so. It was rather obviously suspicious behavior.

Kaoru had improved the sloppy living conditions of everyone in the workshop. She also seems to be interested in research, she often watches everyone working.

There’s absolutely no attitude of criticism like other women. Indeed, as a bride for a poor researcher, she was an ideal woman.

If he can wait about 3 more years, he can take Kaoru as a fiancée and have her take care of his daily life.

However, Kaoru wasn’t 11 to 12 years old appearance seen from people in this world but 15 years old.

Still, Kaoru herself thinks 15 years old is still early and doesn’t want to get a marriage partner yet.

Although Acyl is noble. Normally Noble like him often aims to be a knight or bureaucracy, but Acyl doesn't seem to care.

I think that Acyl is a good person. However, as a husband and as a partner to share my life with is a bit...

Having a small technical studio with two people, making small children happily isn't a bad thing, but I want to do more...

"Kaoru is sort of good..." (Acyl)

"Wa~ waii" (Kaoru)

Finally came!

"Actually, there is something I want to ask of Kaoru" (Acyl)

"Yes..." (Kaoru)

Acyl's face becomes serious.

"Kaoru, about that, would you be my betrothed..." (Acyl)

As expected!

Kaoru is somehow trembling. From behind, Brian 16 years old and Alban 19 years old drop the tools, they hold in hands.

Eh, you guys as well? Perhaps, it's peak time of my life.

"...for one day?" (Acyl)

I knew it.



I demanded an apology and explanation. Apologies for what you did on making me feel disappointed by being strangely cautious.

No, I didn't plan to accept that! I intended to refuse it!

However, I just regretted something a bit.

According to Acyl's explanation, it seems that his other brother, Cedric will have a birthday party after ten days. In order to search for Cedric's marriage partner.

Cedric had a fiancée from his childhood, but she died from an illness two years ago and finally got past through his sorrow. And now his father arranged this party to find another partner for him.

And because of a recent trend, many daughters of aristocrats and wealthy merchants want to marry lower aristocrats like Baron will come to this party.

Acyl's father tells him to use this chance to find a bride that might come from an Earl or a Duke house.

(Why was there suddenly such a trend...) (Kaoru)

Kaoru had forgotten what she had done at a certain Royal party.

And Acyl's father seems to have hope that Acyl might find a nice girl, too. It seems that his second son is already engaged.

Acyl-san, hm... , if he arranges his taste properly and wears fine clothes, he may look like a decent looking noble, I won't say that it's impossible.

Acyl's father had let him do everything as he likes up to now, but it seems that they were getting worried. This time was like an order than a suggestion, Acyl also is unlikely to decline this time.

However, Acyl himself still wants to do more research, he doesn't feel like getting married yet.

It's obvious that when he is married or the like, he can't do any research as a hobby anymore.

...Thus, he is asking Kaoru.

“Please help me. You only need to pretend as my fiance when you are at a party so that I can overcome this crisis!” (Acyl)

He is amazing in some sense.

“But, I’m a commoner, I...” (Kaoru)

“I’m not much better, just a third son of a lower aristocrat... and my parents will not complain about Kaoru, absolutely!” (Acyl)

“Eh~” (Kaoru)

“Please, I will not complain even if you fail, please help!” (Acyl)

After a while the question and answer session continued, eventually Kaoru accept it.

However, Kaoru refused Acyl’s offer about preparing a set of dresses.

Acyl has finally convinced Kaoru by making a promise in the name of the goddess, however, Kaoru has a strange look.

And Kaoru demands a single condition. It was “I will not be Acyl’s fiancée but a female friend that is invited to come with Acyl”

Well, if the news that I was Acyl’s fiancée spread, it may affect my later marriage. I don’t want the tag woman who got engaged and abandoned.

Because it’s super important, I definitely can’t yield here!

Acyl acknowledged by saying something, somewhat disappointed, but he thinks that’s alright.

After that, Acyl needs to ask his parents’ house to prepare an invitation card.

Well, maybe this would be an opportunity that I had been waiting for.

Kaoru asked Acyl variously about the party.

Also, I heard about the Lyotal family, Acyl's brother Cedric, servants, episodes related to the calligraphers, whatever.

Information is necessary to make a strategy.



"Hi, Johann-san, are you there?" (Kaoru)

The clerk is surprised with the girl calling the merchant by name.

"Can you please tell Johann-san that Kaoru come to visit?" (Kaoru)

The clerk couldn't oppose the word of her boss's benefactor, and the clerk went to the back to tell the merchant chief the message.

"You came, Kaoru-san! Come to the back, how about tea and sweets!" (Johann)

"Well, I almost have the dresses and shoes ready, so when do you need it?" (Johann)

As expected of Johann. Good guess.

"I will attend the party of the Lyotal family after 9 days, at that time let me change my clothes here and can you please prepare a carriage?" (Kaoru)

"Leave it to me, I also will go. It will be interesting.

Of course, I will pretend that I don't know you and go with another carriage" (Johann)

Eh?

"But the invitation..." (Kaoru)

"What are you saying.

I am a shop owner of a large merchant company and I have a daughter of marriage age.

I get the invitation from almost all party.

Although I had refused all of them because of my daughter.

Fortunately, thanks to my angel, my daughter's illness have also been cured.

This is a good opportunity for her to return to society.

After 9 days, we will also attend the birthday party of the Lyotal family” (Johann)

As expected of the chief executive.

“Ah, that’s right, you don’t need to provide accessories” (Kaoru)

“Huh?” (Johann)

Chapter 18

Attention

❖ Birthday party of Lyotal Family

Lyotal family's third son, Ashil von Lyotal, was nervous looking around the venue.

[Why isn't she here yet...?

I don't doubt her, but I am worried about accidents and mistakes.] (Acyl inner thought)

In the venue, all of the Lyotal family are present, including the main protagonist Cedric and his guests.

In this country, the organizer won't give the speech as soon as they are present. Because the guests are often coming late, so the organizer saves the greetings and speech after a certain amount of time.

So, the party has actually already begun.

And when Acyl was getting more and more worry, a girl appeared at the party venue.

The party organizer, Lyotal, realized that the venue, which was noisy with the conversations here and there had become quiet.

(Did something happen?) (Lyotal)

Right now Lyotal is having conversations with guests, as the organizer, he must at least check every guest that comes to his eldest son's birthday party and says his greetings.

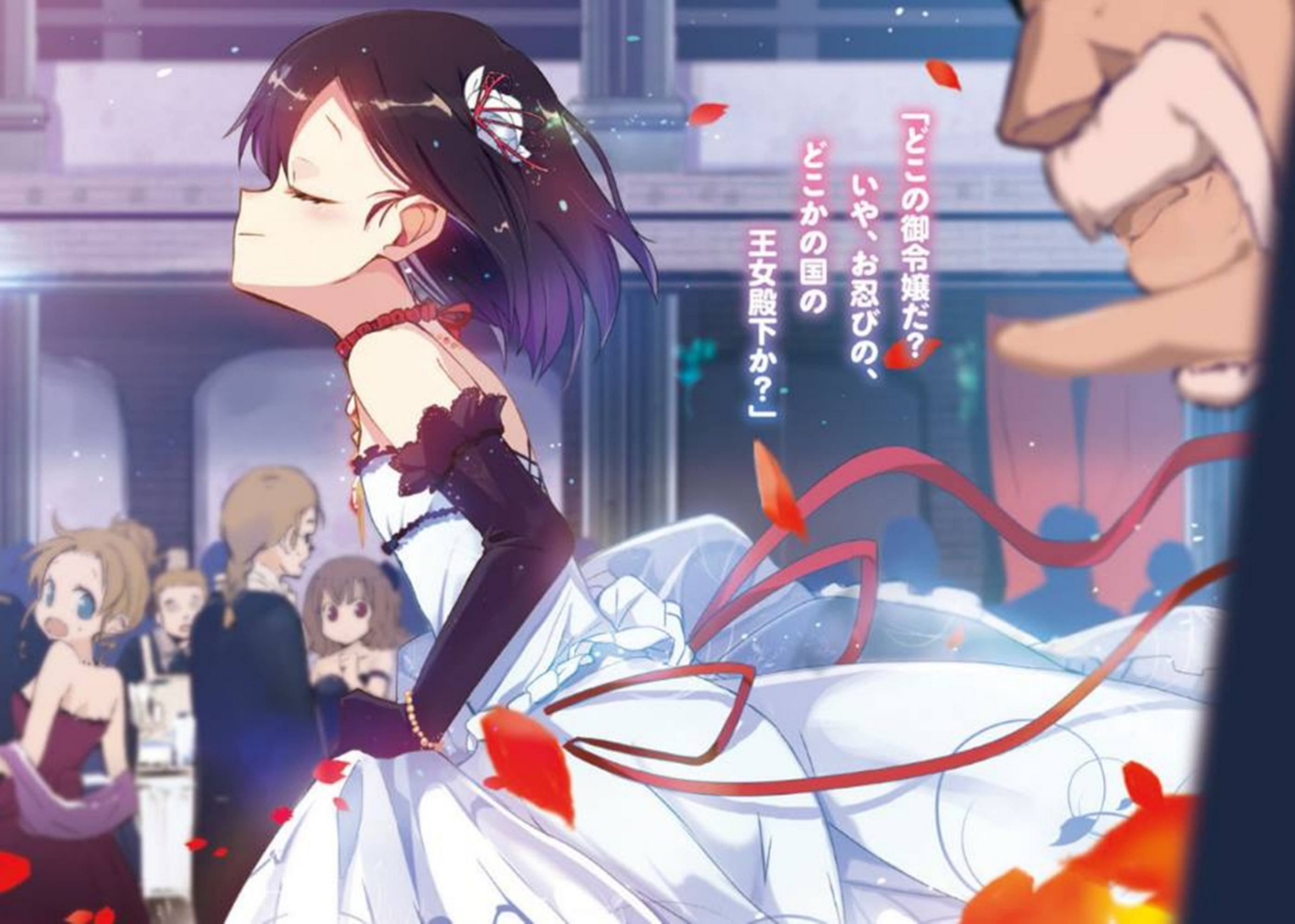
And when the eyes of all guests and Lyotal himself turned to that direction, there was a girl of about 12 years old.

「どこの御令嬢だ？」

いや、お忍びの、

どこの国の

王女殿下か？」



Glossy black hair up to the shoulder, well-balanced face...

Although her catching eyes are a little strong and mean. But as a noble, it also shows the strength of their intention. That girl is wearing a pure white dress.

What a splendid thing! A dress which seems to be made for royalty. She also has a lot of shining jewelry such as necklaces, hair ornaments that with great craftsmanship!

And it isn't just monetary value. No matter how much gold coins you spend, you can't easily get what isn't available if you don't have a resolve.

Certainly, she is still a young girl before adulthood.

But that's only a matter of waiting for a few years.

Watching that figure growing in your hand will also be blissful.

That pretty figure that makes Lyotal think so. She seems intelligent, with a strong personality, wearing a lot of jewels that are hard to obtain even with hundreds of gold coins.

Whose daughter is she? Is she some Princess of the other country? The way she laughs is also fantastic.

In the quiet venue, everyone just kept staring at the girl. The girl kept walking straight towards the front seat, where Lyotal and the protagonist of today Cedric. But before she reaches the seat, she turns to the right heading to the food corner.

And that girl gladly took a dish from the food corner, and everyone couldn't help but protest in their mind.

(No, Don't do it, your dress will get dirty ~~~ !!) (Everyone)

The waiters on scene flew to her right away and offered help. And the girl keeps eating dish elegantly.

And then that venue finally regained sound, the men began moving near the girl and tried to talk with her.

However, there's a manner of saying "don't talk to those who have a dish in their hands" so no one can talk to the girl that continues to eat without interruption.

The girl continues to eat forever.

And the men nearby who are waiting to talk are somewhat fidgeting while restraining each other.

And the girl suddenly turned to the men's direction, and she finally placed the dish on the table.

Now!...

The moment the men thought so and tried talking to her.

"Thank you for inviting me today, Acyl!" (Kaoru)

(T.N: Kaoru didn't add -san like in the workshop)

That girl smiling and talking to Achille von Lyotal, the third son of the Lyotal Family.

"Eeh, Kaoru-chan...?" (Acyl)

And then, there was the appearance of Acyl which was dumbfounded with his mouth opened wide.

[What? What does it mean?

Does the girl know Achille?

I don't mind, but as the organizer, I can't interrupt the meeting between young people.

I have to fulfill my duty as a host...] (Lyotal)

The Lyotal restraints himself from flying to Acyl and question him.

The eldest son Cedric was also worried and as a leading role, he also can't leave his seat.

Today, the father and he have to fulfill their role as the owner and successor of the house.

Who in the world is that girl? And what kind of relationship does she have with Acyl? Lyotal and Cedric can't keep their calm.

"Please introduce her to us, Achille" (Nobles + Merchants)

The men at the place are asking Acyl.

If a girl is alone, you may ask her directly, but if that girl's family member, friends, acquaintances, etc. are present, the first rule is to ask that person for an introduction.

"Ah, ah, she is Kaoru..." (Acyl)

He can't say anything more. Like she is a commoner, she doesn't have a family name, or he asked her for help today.

If he introduces a beautiful girl with such a fantastic dress and jewels as a commoner, no-one will believe him, he may even lose face.

"Good day everyone. My name is Kaoru. My family name is classify. I hope everyone can forgive me about it..." (Kaoru)

Kaoru backs up for Acyl.

The men at that place have no choice but endure their urge to ask Kaoru's family name. There's also a manner that doesn't touch on a girl's identity without her will.

Of course, no one is rude enough to ask a lady about her age.

"Kaoru-san, are you engaged in an engagement?" (Men)

"No, not yet.

In our family, we will find the one we love and decide everything ourselves..." (Kaoru)

As Kaory replies so, the men are happy but they still try to hide it.

The men surrounding Kaoru are composed of a wide range from boys around 10 years old to the late teens, young men, and even middle age men.

"What kind of relationship do you have with Achille?" (Men + Boys)

“Acyl is my first friend since I came to this country and I am indebted to him ever since. He had been eating my cooking and praising it delicious everyday” (Kaoru)

Yes, there is no lie.

As the men heard that, they interpret that the relationship between Acyl and Kaoru aren't gone so far yet. And it seems, this girl had abandoned her name...

“Have you cooked yourself?” (Men + Boys)

“Yes, I'm pretty good with cooking.

I heard that I can eat party cuisine in this country today, so I had asked Acyl to invite me.

I wanted to compare it with food from my country...” (Kaoru)

And the men thought that Kaoru was keeping eating a little earlier for that reason.

Although Kaoru merely wants to enjoy the food.

“Well then, please come and visit the upcoming party of our Earl family, you can taste a lot of famous cuisine” (Earl's son)

“No, come to our place, the chef of our family is a former cook of royal palace...” (Unknown noble's son)

“Well, our home also...” (Unknown noble's son)

And party invitation continued for a while.

Acyl was upset by Kaoru looking like that of another person, who cannot be thought of as a commoner, and wasn't able to speak to her because of the surrounding men.



“Everyone, welcome and thank you for coming to our party today!” (Either Lyotal)

It seems that the greeting time has arrived.

Men around Kaoru cannot ignore this event as expected and they start coming to the front seat of the venue.

Lyotal says his greeting to visitors, talking a little about the recent topics of the Lyotal family, introduce Cedric who is his eldest son and the protagonist of this party.

And he also mentions a little about the second son and the third son Achille, and also mention that Cedric and Achille are yet to engage.

At that time, he got a glance at Acyl and the black hair girl standing beside him.

After the greetings and introduction, the men also started to lean towards Kaoru again. But there were another group of people there.

“Oh my! What are those people?” (Kaoru)

A considerable number of women were heading towards the family head and Cedric while holding something in their hands.

“Ah, that is...

My older brother, who is today’s leading character.

Those women are going to hand over the gift

But only who isn’t married, not having a fiancée or a lover can go there...” (Acyl)

Acyl is finally able to speak with Kaoru.

“Well, I hadn’t heard about it?” (Kaoru)

“Well, because it had nothing to do with Kaoru” (Acyl)

Well...

Let’s change schedule and get out here!

“I’m going there a bit too!” (Kaoru)

“Eh, wh... What do you mean, Wait...” (Acyl)

Pay no mind to Acyl, Kaoru headed for the leading role seat.

On the way, Kaoru checked the position of a certain employee.

The position of that servant with the characteristics that fit the story of Ashil.

When Kaoru went forward, there was a row made by the ladies. At that moment, all the ladies turn back to Kaoru.

“Oh, are you also aiming for Cedric-sama?” (Lady)

Voices were heard from other ladies lined up in front of Kaoru.

“It seems that you didn’t prepare gifts for him, are you going to greet him with an empty hand?” (Lady)

It seems the ladies are jealous of Kaoru who had taken the attention of all men before. Or they want to fight over Cedric?

“Oh, that’s fine, you don’t have to worry” (Kaoru)

Kaoru lightly replies back.

“Oh, yes... That reminds me, I heard that a lady who dropped her gift and broke it before, gave him a kiss on his hand and the right to call her with a nickname instead of a gift” (Lady)

The aristocratic girl, when she said so, turned towards the front.

Perhaps, she wanted to advise Kaoru that didn’t seem to have a gift.

(Huh, yeah... well...) (Kaoru)

The rows of the ladies gradually became shorter and finally the last one, Kaoru.

“You are...” (Cedric)

Cedric who leaks a surprise voice to the black haired girl who he didn’t expect her to come forward.

“Aren’t you my brother’s lover?” (Cedric)

“Acyl is a friend, a very nice person” (Kaoru)

“A nice person, you say...” (Cedric)

Cedric is looking at his brother sorrow eyes and smiles bitterly.

“Thank you very much for inviting me today.

I wanted to say hello to Acyl’s brother and parents, so I was waiting in line” (Kaoru)

“My younger brother seems to have died somewhere...” (Cedric)

Cedric suddenly glanced at his poor brother again.

“So, I will not go empty hand with a greeting, so I’d like to give a gift...” (Kaoru)

Looking at the girl so told, she doesn’t seem to have anything. It is certain that she can’t give the gem that she wore.

“Can you call your servant, Calvin-san?” (Kaoru)

“Huh...” (Cedric)

Cedric is agape with the word of the girl.

Chapter 19

An angel

Calvin.

He was Cedric's bodyguard, at the same time was his sword training partner, and even like a brother.

One day, Cedric selfishly decided to go for an unreasonable hunting and was attacked by a gray bear, in the end, Calvin used his body to protect Cedric and got injured.

With that injury, Calvin can no longer move as usual. He can't barely stand let alone protect anyone. Calvin was a swordsman, when he can no longer fight, there was almost no job left with such a disabled leg.

Calvin who lost his future due to Cedric's foolish act. Thus, Cedric is always living in regret. And he decided to continue to hire Calvin as his servant even if Calvin can barely stand.

Calvin had no grudge against Cedric, if there was anything, it was regret that he can no longer protect Cedric. But even if his body is like that, the least he can do is become a meat shield to protect Cedric again. Thinking like that and he decided to work as a servant for Cedric.

Even so, for Cedric, Calvin is a symbol of self-hatred and guilt. And now this girl wants to call him in this place.

Cedric's face is distorted.

"Can you call Calvin, you say...?" (Cedric)

"Yes, please" (Kaoru)

Did this girl know about my anguish? Her eyes are serious and she keeps staring at me without a blink.

“.....” (Cedric)

Silence.

The venue is quiet and there is no one to utter a voice.

Even Baron Lyotal remains silent.

“Calvin, come here please!” (Cedric)

And as Cedric calls, one servant dragging his left leg comes near Cedric.

“Everyone at the venue!” (Kaoru)

And the voice of the Kaoru re-sounded at the party hall.

“This is Calvin-san, the one who was standing before the Gray Bear to protect Cedric”
(Kaoru)

From the venue, the voice of admiration raise.

There are no noble in this country don't know about Roland, the king's brother who protected the king with his body.

And when there is someone similar to the King's Brother, it was natural to be praised.

“But he couldn't fight anymore because of the injury at that time” (Kaoru)

Cedric's face distorted by agony. But Calvin does not mind.

And then Kaoru picked up an unused wine glass from the table.

“A man with loyalty who didn't mind sacrificing himself to protect the son of the Lord.

And even now, he still keeps his loyalty to the son of the Lord.

Everyone, if you think this man is worthy of receiving the blessing of the goddess, please raise your right hand!” (Kaoru)

After everyone heard that, No one can refuse to raise their hands without reading the situation here.

“And turn your palm toward this glass!” (Kaoru)

Kaoru sticks out her right hand with a glass of wine.

“Everyone, Please wish

For the blessing of the goddess!” (Kaoru)

Visitors are being drunk by the mood created in the place and do as they are told.

And at that time, a red fog appears several centimeters above the wine glasses which Kaoru presented.

As guests were amazed looking at it, the fog gradually became red water droplets and fell into the glass of wine.

In the venue, there’s only Kaoru’s voice, there’s no voice of fear or surprise.

“Now, Calvin-san” (Kaoru)

Kaoru presented the wine glass to Calvin but he can’t move easily.

“Ugu... u...” (Calvin)

Kaoru steady walks to Calvin. As she helps him stand firm, she hands over the wine glass to him.

“Now! Drink!” (Kaoru)

Calvin brings the glass to his mouth with a trembling hand and drinks the red liquid. After a while...

“I can move... , my left leg can stand firm and properly bend...” (Calvin)

Calvin who is afraid at the beginning, but he starts bending and stretching his legs.

And lastly, he tries to jump off.

After confirming his body movement, he faced towards Cedric.

“Hahaha... I can move... Now, I can tag along with Cedric, to the mountain, to the field, and sword training.

And I can also protect you...” (Calvin)

After witnessing that, the venue was raging with voice.

Cedric rushed over and hugged Calvin. Tears start running down in his cheeks.

“Calvin, Calvin, Calvin !!” (Cedric)

Some people at the venue are also shed little tears from such moving scene.

They are able to see the miracle of the goddess with the admire-able master and servant.

The prayer continues praising the goddess’ mercy and the angel girl who brought the goddess’ miracle that appeared after several decades.

But when people turn their eyes to find her.

The figure of that black haired girl can’t be seen anywhere already.

(Well, I saw a terrifying event...) (Johann)

[Even I already witness it once when my daughter get helped and I see the effect of the medicine with my eyes.

However, even now, I am still surprised.

Besides, as a merchant, I can judge the value of those jewels. Not even I can prepare such things in a short time...

Just who am I, dare compare myself with that girl? She is the angel of the goddess,...]
(Johann’s inner thought)

Meanwhile, Acyl is slowly moving towards the door so that nobody notices him.

[Now that Kaoru had disappeared unnoticed, there's no doubt that I will be subject to question. And there's nothing I can answer.

I have to run away! I have to run away! Without anyone noticing

Just a little more to the door...] (Acyl's inner thought)

At that time, Kaoru already got out of the baron residence safely, she took the carriage waiting and headed for Abiri Merchant Company.

The coachman is also prepared by Johann, he will never leak information.

In preparation for getting tailed, Kaoru went in a different direction at first.

In case of people pursuing, there were several children who were waiting to interfere. But there were no pursuers so Kaoru returns safely.

Lucky for Kaoru, there was no-one that witness the miracle occurred in the royal palace a few months ago, came to Lyotal's party. If there was, he would have noticed it immediately.

But those who were present at the king's audience at the royal palace were really high ranked like ministers and senior nobles. They will not join the party of a mere Baron. Also, they were mostly elder that was the age of father or grandfather of those children searching for marriage.

Moreover, the royal and aristocrats were keeping the info about goddess hidden. That's why only the King himself, his brother Roland, the earl Adan, the knight Francette, ministers and senior nobles know about "The tears of the goddess"

However, it was just a matter of time that this case will be transmitted to the royal palace and the temple, and to all the aristocrats and the commoners.



Acyl also succeeded in escaping from his house. Because everyone only tried to find Kaoru.

If he stays at the mansion, there's no doubt that he will be questioned by his father and his older brothers.

[I had no choice but to escape to the workshop from here.

Because I went home without using a carriage, it took quite a late time to get back to the workshop.

Kaoru had shown her strange power in front of a lot of people.

Will she disappear as it is? I wonder if we ever meet again.

Because I asked for impossible...

I haven't had the courage to officially apply for an engagement to Kaoru who is still a child.

That's why I want to become her fiancée only for a single day and introduce it to my father.

I thought that I wouldn't pester anymore if I told my father that I already have Kaoru at the party and say "I'm thinking about the future" later.

Nevertheless, Kaoru was lined up in "the ceremony of applying for companion" to my older brother.

And, she also showed the power as an angel of the goddess in front of a lot of people.

Did she feel compassion when listening about Calvin from me?

Or is it because she liked my older brother?

However, Kaoru will not return to here anymore.

I wonder if it would be better if I didn't ask her that time] (Acyl's inner thought)

The heart of Acyl was painted in regret and he couldn't get asleep easily.



There was a glass bottle in Kaoru's item box. A unique bottle that Kaoru thought of.

"Her hair decorative type jewelry" was actually part of the lid.

"Her necklace type jewelry" was actually part of the bottle body"

She made them by "The ability to create any kind of potion and the potion container will appear however Kaoru want"

Chapter 20

Lyotal family

- ❖ Next morning
- ❖ Acyl's POV

Acyl usually takes a nap in the laboratory but his sleeping pose make his body hurts a little bit.

And just like usual, a voice calling out to him when he is waking up.

“Ah, Acyl-san, you woke up.

Well, what did I tell you about fixing your sleeping pose, you will hurt your body when you sleep like that” (Kaoru)

Did I have a hallucination because I stayed in the laboratory. Kaoru shouldn't be here to call out for me, was she?

“Eh, Kaoru?” (Acyl)

“You don't have to look so surprised...

I will prepare breakfast now.

Because I thought that Acyl would stay at your parents house, I didn't buy foods for breakfast.

I only just found you sleeping here!” (Kaoru)

It's really Kaoru standing there like usual.

Wait! Huh?

What about my regret and despair yesterday?

Kaoru brings the breakfast to the table and calling out to me

“Come quickly” (Kaoru)

Oh well, that’s right.

For the time being, I should eat breakfast and listen to her story about yesterday.

If I act rough towards Kaoru like pulling her hands, Alban and Brian will be angry and that will be scary.

No, believe me, I will not do anything! Just talk!

According to Kaoru.

Yesterday, she went to her acquaintance’s place on a carriage, changed clothes, and then she came back to the workshop.

Because Kaoru spent some time in the house of the acquaintance. That why in the end I came back before her. And when she came back, most of people were already in bed.

No, no, what I want to hear isn’t that!

“Well, Kaoru, that one from yesterday...” (Acyl)

“Ah, an acquaintance of mine has prepared the dress for me...” (Kaoru)

“No, not that! I mean... the power that cured Calvin’s injury...” (Acyl)

“Oh, are you talking about the gift from the goddess?” (Kaoru)

Huh, just like that...

Acyl is on his knees with both hands on the ground (*T.N: orz*)

After some time, the story that I heard from Kaoru was as follows.

Kaoru is from a distant country, one day, goddess Celestine took a liking to her and

became her friend. The goddess also gave her some special power.

However for some reason, Kaoru couldn't stay in her country anymore.

She came to this country and lived a normal life while hiding her power.

But after some time, she thought it would be wrong not to use the power that the goddess gave her to save those who are unhappy.

But Kaoru says "If someone knows about this power of mine, I will be aimed again. However, if everyone knows at once, no one will be able to monopolize me"

No one would allow such hostile actions that try to monopolize Kaoru.

So last night, she got a good place in front of a lot of aristocrats and she did it quickly before getting away un-noticed.

"Well then, are you interested in Cedric-nii-san and lined up in the row of "The ceremony of applying for companion"...?" (Acyl)

""The ceremony of applying for companion" ? What is it?" (Kaoru) (Translate joke: Is it delicious ?)

"Hahaha... No, nothing, hahaha..." (Acyl)

Acyl has a dry laughter.

"No, not that.

What am I going to do now?

You did something like that at the party!

What am I going to say to my father and explain

No, more than that, what about the safety of Kaoru..." (Acyl)

Kaoru calmly answers to the impatient Acyl

“Well, even if people from the party last night spread the news.

Other people will not easily believe the rumor at the beginning, so it will not happen any time soon. But well, since there were quite a number of people there, rumor about me will have its credibility.

I think it will take a few days.

And when the rumors are spreading well enough that some powerful people heard about it, I wonder if I will get invited anytime soon...” (Kaoru)

“Powerful?” (Acyl)

“Yes, the royal palace, or something” (Kaoru)

“.....” (Acyl)

“Ah, that’s right Acyl-san.

Please tell your father that “You had helped a noble daughter of another country that was about to become a tool of politics” and “You are the only noble in this country that she can trust”

And, no one would think that I am serving as a helper in this place so I will not be found until then” (Kaoru)

“Kaoru, who in the world are you...” (Acyl)

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“Father, did you call for me?” (Acyl)

“Stop pretending! I need you to explain!

Tell me all about that little girl, right now!” (Lyotal)

When I returned to Lyotal’s baron family which is my home, I was greeted by my father with anger.

We are talking in the the office of the Baron house. My older brother Cedric is also there.

“I told you about what had happened last night!

Fortunately, because the “The ceremony of applying for companion” to Cedric was done, I could keep the appearance.

But people made a fuss since then, I was being showered with questions!!” (Lyotal)

Acyl is frightened by the anger of his gentle father.

“Like

what kind of daughter is she?

what kind of relationship she had with Achille?

why did she line up in Cedric’s “The ceremony of applying for companion”

What is that power?

Is that girl an angel of the goddess Celestine ?

The relationship between that girl and the Baron Lyotal’s family is...

But I don’t know anything. What can I answer!

But do you think those excited people will be satisfied with that kind of answer?

Acyl, why did you run away by yourself?!” (Lyotal)

No, well, I ran away because I couldn’t answer it myself too, Father.

After that, Acyl explained to his father with what he was told by Kaoru.

Lyotal now knew that only the son got the trust of that girl was both pleased and worried.

[A girl who received power from the goddess's love, an angel. If Lyotal's family can have her as friend. And if my son can have her...

But, is it possible for such an angel to join my Lyotal family which is quite low rank?

There are Viscounts, Earls, Marquess and even duke or the royal family. Everyone will search for her.

If we get caught up in a dispute, we may be crushed.

However, what happened from last night had already spread for a long time already.

She is on good terms with Acyl.

And she was lined up for Cedric's "Ceremony of applying for companion", she also used her power of miracle for Cedric and Calvin. Isn't this a good story...?] (Lyotal's inner thought)

"Okay, Acyl, do you know where she is?" (Lyotal)

"Yes, but I don't think I can tell more, I can't risk losing her trust" (Acyl)

"Well, only obey the imperial command from the royal palace and act as an intermediary, ignoring all inquiries and pressures from other aristocrats, etc.

Defend her and cooperate until then.

Watch out for the trail when you go to meet her!" (Lyotal)

"I understand..." (Acyl)

"Acyl, I'd like you to help me send her a message" (Cedric)

Cedric, who had been listening to the story until then, spoke to Acyl suddenly.

"Please tell her that I will gladly accept her application of companion" (Cedric)

Ah, that's why my older brother Cedric stays here.

“Brother, Kaoru didn’t know that that was an application for companion.

All she wanted was just giving Calvin the goddess blessing. And saying her greeting to brother and father.

She wasn’t interested in anything. Noble or Royal.

“With her, the only one she can trust in this country’s aristocracy is me only!” (Acyl)

“What.....” (Cedric)

My older brother Cedric is stunned.

Although he isn’t a bad person, but my father had always prioritized my brother and everyone loves him more than me. No-one really prioritized me more than my brother before. But now I’m somewhat relieved because of Kaoru.

For now, I should go back to the workshop in a hurry before my brother resurrected and said something.

It was a while later that the messenger from the royal palace arrived at the Lyotal house.

Not even Kaoru could predict what her three potions she gave out in the past while played as a goddess, were used and how these potions affected on this country.

The main figures of the royal palace had witnessed the “Miracles of Goddess” a few months ago. So the king was instantly moved at the moment when he heard about the event last night...

Chapter 21

Invitation

❖ Kaoru's POV

Acyl returned to the workshop, told the result of the discussion with his father to Kaoru.

And when Kaoru was relieved for a moment.

A servant of Lyotal family came to relay Baron Lyotal' word.

“There is an messenger from the royal palace. Get back at once” (Servant)

Fast. It's way more early than expected!

Normally, when a rumor like this spread to the royal palace, they may laugh off like some foolish things.

Only when several similar stories arrived from several sources, they may believe its credibility and reporting it above, they must consider a lot before reporting to the King.

And even if the King heard of it, it should take some time for him to decide what to do...

“Acyl-san, If you don't mind, please go and check the date and time. Also, Please tell them that I don't need pick up” (Kaoru)

“...I understand” (Acyl)

After acyl went away, Kaoru thought.

It wouldn't be good if I rely on the people of the Lyotal family.

They should be remain as liaison and intermediary.

But the problem this time is that it's still too early.

It's not surprising that the royalty will act immediately if the rumors spread far enough.

Do they even check the credibility of the rumors at all?

Kaoru didn't imagine that the female knight used the potion during the audience in the royal palace.

Even Kaoru was really smart and always thinking ahead, but it was impossible to give a correct answer unless she got necessary information.

Well, something, I will need something to earn more time...

Also, something to prevent the royal family or the senior of the high rank aristocrat get a hold of me.



“Kaoru, the invitation from the king arrived.

You are invited to have an audience tomorrow morning!” (Acyl)

“I understand” (Kaoru)

By the time Acyl came back to the workshop, Kaoru already thought of a plan.

❖ Next morning

In front of the back gate of the royal castle right after sunrise.

(T.N: Back gate is for commoners or servant that have permission to enter, front gate is for high rank noble and royal family)

There was a figure of a commoner girl. Of course, it is Kaoru.

The front gate are usually open late, and the back gate will be opened as soon as the sun rise for suppliers of food ingredients and those who work in the castle.

In addition, some people are allowed to go in and out at night if they have permission. It was the “morning” that Kaoru will have an audience with the King.

This world doesn’t have an accurate clock. And it’s impossible to let the king wait.

Therefore, if the invitation said “morning” , it’s common sense to arrive earlier and wait a long time in the waiting room.

However, at any rate, this time was too early even to wait for audience.

(T.N: I guess was like 5:00 am)

Kaoru have arrived way too early.

“Uhm, can you let me pass...” (Kaoru)

❖ Gate keeper's POV

A commoner girl said so to the gatekeeper. No matter how we look, she is just a commoner.

"Oh, did you have the gate testimonial?" (Gate Keeper aka G.K)

"I don't have it, but...
am I arriving a bit too early..." (Kaoru)

"Well then, did you get an audience certificate" (G.K)

In this country, even a commoner can have an audience with the king or minister. However, that commoner needs to pass through a lot of preliminary examination and severe identity survey, etc.

If that commoner is the village chief of a village somewhere, he may have one in several hundred chance to actually meet with the king.

And that village chief also must have an important matter to report that may involve the village's existence or something like that.

The King and ministers are really busy after all.

By the way, young and beautiful women are easier to pass, even gate keepers or officers still play favourite with beautiful girl after all.

Although this girl is only a child, she is still a pretty girl.

"...I do not have that either" (Kaoru)

"You thought you can just come in the castle without any permission?
Who did you plan to have an audience in the royal castle anyway?" (G.K)

"Well, I thought of seeing the King..." (Kaoru)

"But there's no permission, is it?" (G.K)

"Yes, I have not received anything..." (Kaoru)

I was dumbfounded. Was this girl alright in her head?
However, she is a pretty cute girl.

(Isn't this nice?) (G.K 's inner thought)

I might as well do this.

“Young lady, if you don’t have permission, you can’t enter the King castle, you can’t meet the king, too” (G.K)

“Well, that will be a problem...” (Kaoru)

(Yoshi yoshi...) (G.K 's inner thought) (T.N: Uhm... I think it mean “alright” or “yes”)

“But, if you give me money, I can handle it somehow...” (G.K)

Of course, Gatekeepers have no such authority.

“Well, but I have no money...” (Kaoru)

(I know, I can tell by looking,...) (G.K 's inner thought)

“I guess it can’t be helped...

I will change my shift after a while, we can have a private talk somewhere.

If you can satisfy me, I may put a good words and help you meet the King” (G.K)

“Eh, does that mean...” (Kaoru)

The girl holds both hands in front of her chest and stares at me with angry eyes.

“No, I won’t accept... such a thing...” (Kaoru)

“Oh well, it’s not such a big deal.

If you go out with me for a moment, I will try help you to meet the king!” (G.K)

I get closer to the girl and try to get hold on her.

“No, I don’t need you to give me mercy!

I definitely won’t enter this king’s castle!

I won’t meet up with the King, I will not listen to the royalty of this country and any great noble ever again.

I swear in the goddess Celes’ name!” (Kaoru)

Kaoru shouting out loud and running away.

“Ohh, too bad.

Well, it only works just once in dozens of times.

Too bad, she was a cute girl!” (G.K)

This is just the usual thing, the gatekeeper didn’t care that the last word of Kaoru was a bit unnatural. *(T.N: call Goddess by nickname, not Celestine-sama)*

❖ **Maiyaru workshop**

Acyl who stayed at my parents house last night showed up to the workshop a little late.

Because it’s normal to stay up all night, no one cares about working hours.

“Oh, Acyl-san, Good Morning” (Kaoru)

“Oh, good morning, Kaoru...

...that’s NOT the matter!

...why are you still here?” (Acyl)

Acyl screaming.

“Aren’t you having an audience with the King in the morning?” (Acyl)

Acyl was trembling as he asked.

“Ah, I went to the King’s Castle, but the gatekeeper stopped me so I could not get in.

[If I wanted to get in I must either pay money or let him have his way with me] he said

Thus I told him [I will never enter the King’s Castle, I won’t meet up with the King, I will not listen to the royalty of this country and any great noble ever again. I swear in the goddess Celes’ name] !” (Kaoru)

Acyl is almost fainting.

After that, he frantically ran to the Lyotal family in a desperate manner.



The king and the cabinet members who finished the morning meeting headed straight to the audience.

Then, everyone takes a seat, wait for “Angel of Goddess” with tense face.

After all, from the last time goddess Celestine had shown her divine form, it had already been 53 years.

After that, the high priests sometimes announced that the Great Temple of Rueda Holy Country had received “Oracles” some time.

But the contents of those “Oracles” are only convenience for the sacred place and the temple.

There was no figure of the goddess, only the high priests of the temple of Holy country said so.

The King doesn’t believe it, and not many people believe it.

And this time, we have witness the visit of the goddess from another world whom is the friend of the goddess Celestine. And just 2 days before we have the news about the appearance of the angel.

Is it a coincidence that both of them were involved with Balmoa Kingdom?

The Goddess was in neighboring country, but she only helped out the people of Balmoa Kingdom.

And the Angel looks like from other country as well.

We don’t know which is she from, but right now it seems that she lives in Balmoa Kingdom.

Is this Celestine-sama omen? Is there a new oracle? Is it a prophecy of catastrophe?

Everyone can’t help but get nervous.

...so late.

It has already been several dozens minutes since the king arrived at the seat and gave a good preparation.

It is impossible to make the king wait.

When the room became noisy, a report arrived.

“The girl has not come” (Guard Captain?)

Impossible!

Ignoring the invitation of the king to have an audience!

No matter what that girl may be, that is unacceptable.
While the audience that gradually became noisy.
Another soldier in panic came running.

“Baron Lyotard wants to see the King immediately!
He says that there is a great urgent report on the girl’s audience!” (Soldier)

“Let him pass!” (King)

The king is also impatient.

“Your majesty, I came to report...
That girl was asked for money or offer her body by the gatekeeper, so she returned home without entering the castle...” (Lyotal)

“Why did something like that...” (King)

“At that time, she also swears in the goddess’ name that
She definitely won’t enter the king castle!
She won’t meet up with the King nor she will listen to the royalty of this country and any great noble ever again...” (Lyotal)

“How could something like that happen” (King)

Everyone in the audience were either surprise or despair.

“Amoros, what did this mean?” (King)

The king questioned the one who are responsible for welcome guest.

“Yes, I had instructed those who are in charge of the main gate today. They would welcome and guide the guest If there was any aristocrat girl of other countries came in! But there was no girl that came in this morning!” (Amoros)

“...So that means, the girl had come at the back gate early in the morning and even before the gate keeper replacement today.
Furthermore, she had come as a commoner?
...Lyotal, why was she like that?” (King)

To the question of the king, the Baron tells stories that he heard from his son.

“Yes, since the girl named Kaoru had abandoned her country and her family name, she no longer has any relationship with her motherland.

She wants to live as a commoner in this country, it is natural that she now is just a civilian.

When she was at my party last time, she had borrowed a dress from her acquaintance so that she wouldn't disturb the place...” (Lyotal)

“...This was my fault because I didn't know that girl wasn't a noble of another country. I thought that she would come through the main gate with a horse-drawn carriage, I had instructed a number of soldiers in advance but I should ask someone directly guide her...” (Guard captain or some soldier)

It would be cruel to blame people in charge with this.

The king tells everyone in the audience that and gives no punishment for the person in charge.

However, with this, that girl can't be called to the royal palace. She also won't hear anything from the king, the royal family, the cabinet ministers, etc

Now, what should I do...

The king held his head in agony.

Chapter 22

Temple

❖ Temple of Balmour Kingdom

Actually, it was called only as “Temple”

Because there’s only one God in this world that is goddess Celestine

There is no need to bother to name the temple because everyone in this world worships only Celestine.

Even if we try to distinguish it from sects of other countries by differences in fine doctrine, we will just call it “Goddess’ Orthodox Faction”

Archbishop Sornie is the one with the highest ranking in this Kingdom.

Below him, there’re a few bishops, more priests, chief priests, monks and so on.

There are several people below the chief priest in the temple of the province, and the priests who usually work in the large temple of the kingdom.

There is no distinction between men and women on these ranks.

But there are women called “Shrine maidens” that are completely separate from these.

“Shrine maidens” have no meaning like “Bride of God” because our God is a goddess.

But goddess Celestine has a figure of a girl, and people think that they will need a girl to hold a conversation with the goddess.

The shrine maiden who had contact with the goddess, even if married or became old, their title is still retained.

The title that higher than archbishop are cardinal and pope which only exist in the Holy Country Rueda.

The Pope holds absolute power in the temple.

Unlike the King, his words might affect many countries altogether.

As for country other than Holy Empire, whenever something happens, they will need to be wary of whether the Holy country will issue religious instructions under the name of the Pope.

Goddess Celestine has the appearance of a girl. Sometimes, she appears to give an “Oracle” to inform human about disaster within several years to a decade.

But for over 50 years, there hasn’t been any Oracle and major disaster.

The new generation of those working in the temple hadn’t experienced the advent of the goddess.

The faith of those working in temple start to fade away, they use goddess’ name as a mean for moneymaking, corruption spreading.

A temple official knew that the goddess hasn’t shown for more than 50 years and that the oracle that was released from the Pope of Rueda Holy Empire.

It was created by the Great Temple of the Holy Land without permission.

They don’t really believe in Goddess, so they aren’t really scared of Goddess’ punishment.

They even dare to use Goddess’ punishment to threaten people.

Bishop Sarazan.

He never saw goddess descent’s event with his eyes, and he climbed to this rank just to have a rich life.

The image of the goddess is a gentle looking girl was also a factor makes Sarazan thinks that “Even the goddess is real, she won’t get angry over some trivial thing”

❖ Bishop Sarazan’s POV

“Did you say there was an angel of the goddess?” (Sarazan)

Bishop Sarazan just got the information from lower aristocrats, spread to other priests and finally reach his ear.

“Yes, multiple nobles saw a miracle...” (Priest)

This is stupid.

In the past record, the Goddess always makes a direct Oracle.

She had never given Oracle through an intermediary such as an angel.

She simultaneously appeared at the great temple of each country and told the priestess and the priests directly.

It's already 53 years since the last oracle.

Was this little girl using some tricks successfully adopt it in a noble family...?

No,... wait.

Whether she is a genuine angel or not, it doesn't really matter.

If the people and the nobles believe in that rumor, I can use her well...

Even if she is fake, I will just push all the blame to her that she pretended to be an angel and tricked everyone.

I'm also just a victim who was deceived.

There will be no problem.

I can use her to make plenty of profits...

Fortunately, the archbishop and other bishops hadn't known about her yet.

I will be the first one to talk with that little girl and become a caretaker for her.

I can get the information from the aristocrat included the whereabouts of the little girl that the royal palace examined.

In the royal palace as well, there are a lot of people who have indulged of faith after all.

"Call Priest Dorn" (Sarazan)

Bishop Sarazan ordered the priest Dorun ready to go pick up the girl after he got the information.

❖ Back to Kaoru's POV

The day after Kaoru dropped by the castle gate.

When cleaning the front of the entrance of the workshop, a staggering horse-drawn carriage came.

And the one inside opens the window asking from inside...

"Is this place Maiyaru workshop?" (Dorn)

(Oh, somehow I have a bad feeling...) (Kaoru)

Kaoru stopped moving the broom in her hands and answered.

“Yes, this is Maiyaru workshop, I am Kaoru” (Kaoru)

Because it would be troublesome, Kaoru decided to deal with it soon.
When he heard the reply from Kaoru, the man came down from the carriage.
The man around that age 50, had plenty of fat, wearing gorgeous clothes.
However, it isn't aristocratic clothing.

“I'm the priest of the Great Temple, Dorun, the bishop had summoned you, come!”
(Dorn)

(Oh, another one...) (Kaoru)

Priest Dorn, who was ordered by Bishop Sarazan to bring Kaoru to him, was also similar to bishop Sarazan.
When he was told to bring “The angel” from Sarazan,
he was thinking about the same thing as Sarazan.
Of course, since he is in Sarazan faction, he was full of obsession.
Like Sarazan, he doesn't think that Kaoru is a real angel so there's no piece of respect for her.
In the first place, because the order from Sarazan isn't “invite her” but “take her along”

“But I refuse” (Kaoru)

“Huh...” (Dorn)

Dorn didn't know what to say for a moment in the response to Kaoru.
In any case, it was unexpected, to think such a commoner that dare to oppose the words of the priest.
Priest Dorn's face gradually turns red.

“Insolent, what are you saying! This is the bishop's order!” (Dorn)

“Well, because I'm not from this country.
I have no duty to obey what people in the temple of another country.
Besides, people of clergy don't have any right to order people” (Kaoru)

“You...” (Dorn)

As Kaoru replied, Dorn became angrier and tried to grab Kaoru.
People start gathering because of the commotion.
Notices that there are a lot of people gathering, Kaoru continues.

“What are you trying to do, forcing the girl you dislike into the back of the temple...
“And then tell people that no-one saw that girl’s appearance”
Or “then a few days later, that girl’s dead body will be found on the riverside...”
Pardon me for such things” (Kaoru)

“Ki~, you, you...” (Dorn)

Dorn’s face turned red and he raised his voice shouting.

“You, you aren’t afraid of the Goddess’ punishment! The Goddess’s anger...” (Dorn)

“God’s punishment? Goddess’ anger...?” (Kaoru)

Kaoru faintly smirks.

“Something like this?” (Kaoru)

DO~O~ON! (SFX)

The roof of the horse-drawn carriage was blown away with the explosion sound.

The explosion was due to something “like nitroglycerin” that fell on the roof from above.

“Hii~iii !” (Dorn)

Dorn is falling to the ground.

The horse carriage was also damaged. Two coachmen that try to run away also lose balance and fall to the ground as well.

Pon! Pon! Pon!! (SFX)

There are a series of small explosions around the fallen men.

“To whom the goddess will be angry at?

To whom, the goddess will give out her punishment?” (Kaoru)

“Hiii~iiii !!” (Dorn)

Dorn stood up desperately and ran away at once. The two servant coachmen were also running after him.

And the rumors spread like wildfire.

“The priest of the Great Temple try to abduct the angel and make the goddess angry”

“The temple insulted the angel and the punishment fell” etc.

❖ Royal castle

“Your majesty, this is serious!

The temple tried to abduct the angel, and got the goddess’ punishment!” (Knight)

“What...!?” (King)

A young king was astonished in an urgent report from the spies who kept guarding Kaoru.

(Goddess’ punishment!

A few hundred years ago, facing Goddess Celestine’s anger, one country had been completely destroyed...

This is bad! Really really bad!) (King)

“Brother, what should we do?” (King)

King Serge usually serve as the king splendor, but when he is in pinch, he often relies on his older brother Roland.

“Calm down, Serge!

Anyway, you must secure and protect the angel!

Well, the angel had said “I will not go into this royal castle and I will not listen to the royalty of this country or any other great noble”

That means it will be okay as long as the place “isn’t the royal castle”

And, “I will not listen” is to say that she will not be complaining, it also doesn’t mean that we can’t talk to her!” (Roland)

“As expected from brother!

I will immediately dispatch aristocrats who aren’t GREAT at all!” (Serge)

“Aha ha ha...” (Roland)

(Be careful about the way you say it, Serge, you are the King...) (Roland)

The King’s brother Roland mutters so.

.....

“So that’s why you call me?” (Lyotal)

“Yeah, if you think about it,

You are the only noble who has an edge with the angel, isn’t GREAT noble. And you also remember the face of the Angel” (Minister)

“Eh...” (Lyotal)

❖ Temple

❖ Archbishop’ POV

Oh? Is that Priest Dorn?

This is rare.

He usually isn’t enthusiastic to work. He only wants to serve aristocrats or large merchants.

To think that he can keep praying eagerly...

Archbishop Sornie who casually dropped by at the chapel saw the appearance of a priest, who seriously pray unlike usual, nodded in satisfaction.

...But wait, when I look closely, something is strange here.

Rather than dedicating a god prayer. He was more like praying for his safety. Did a demon (Celes' lie in chapter 2) attack him or something?

He was driven by fear,... Obviously, This was an unusual atmosphere.

“What did you do, Dorn?” (Archbishop)

When noticing the archbishop, Priest Dorn on his knee.

“Oh, the archbishop! I, I am a sinner!!” (Dorn)

And Dorun spoke everything to the Archbishop.

Astonished, Archbishop became pale as well

“We must go pick her up quickly! Call Bishop Perrier, this is urgent!” (Archbishop)

At that time, Bishop Sarazan thought that the return of Dorun priest was a bit late. But he didn't really care too much whether the girl would go to the temple and spend his time dressing up instead.

Chapter 23

Showdown! Royal Palace versus temple

“Is the Holy angel here!?” (Bishop)

Suddenly, a loud voice was raised at the entrance of the workshop.

Kaoru isn't a shop attender but just a helper, and she isn't officially naming herself with such name.

Thus she doesn't care about the shouting and preparing meals in the kitchen instead.

Acyl also heard that but ignored it.

His father had told him, kept in mind to ignore anything other than contact from the royal palace via Baron Lyotal.

And in the end, the one who has to deal with it is Bard, the workshop owner.

“This is...! What is the bishop of the temple doing here? How may I help you.” (Bard)

“Oh, is the Angel here!?” (Bishop)

“An angel?” (Bard)

Bard didn't know the circumstances at all.

“Uhm, it's the angel of goddess Celestine!” (Bishop)

“Well, no, why is such great people here in our workshop?” (Bard)

He can't find anything to reply at all.

Bishop Perrier, a messenger from Archbishop Sornie, finally remembered that the person he wanted was named “Kaoru” and asked for that name.

“Well, if you find Kaoru, she is in the back, Bishop-sama...” (Bard)

And when Bishop is about to meet Kaoru and Acyl who are in the back of the

workshop.

“Acyl, are you here?” (Lyotal)

The Baron Lyotal who has ridden a horse-drawn carriage from the royal palace arrived.

“Go with Kaoru, come over to Lyotal family house and have a meeting with the king” (Lyotal)

“No, I will welcome her to the Great Temple and meet with the Archbishop” (Perrier)

“Do you say that you will postpone the king’s meeting!?” (Lyotal)

“Who is always talking about letting the church handle religion and the royalty handle politics without clashing with each other!” (Perrier)

“Gununu...” (Lyotal)

“Gunununu...” (Perrier)

It was very terrible.

Both of faction should never be close with each other.

“Ah... so noisy” (Kaoru)

Can’t take it anymore, Kaoru shows herself.

“Oh, Kaoru-dono!” (Lyotal)

“Angel-sama!!” (Perrier)

“If you really want, I will meet both the King and the Archbishop at the same time.

You don’t have a problem with that, do you?

Also, I don’t like meeting in a private place that doesn’t have other people. Because I don’t know what kind of trick you prepare for me.

That place must be a public area with plenty of third-party's eyes and isn't under the control of any power or faction.

If you can fulfill those conditions, I agree for the meeting" (Kaoru)

❖ Kingdom of the Balmor Kingdom Gurua, central square

This place is in the middle of the city if you follow the main road to the right side (joke: in the red corner), it's the Royal Castle.

In the opposite side (joke: in the blue corner) is the Great Temple, and you can see the statue of the goddess Celestine in front of its front entrance.

The central plaza, which is usually crowded with tourists, walkers, stalls of stores, etc., was now wrapped in silence.

It's by no means there are fewer people now.

In fact, there're more citizens gathered like any big events of years.

Among them, there are even aristocrats with escorts.

However, everyone doesn't make a noise and is quietly waiting.

That was the silence of the late.

There's a stage with a height of about several meters, which was set up just yesterday to make everyone on the stage visible from the whole plaza.

And on the stage, there are tables and seats aligned to form a triangle.

Yes, for the three most powerful faction in this country.

After a while, dozens of priests appeared from the Great Temple.

And as they approach the stage, only three of them climb on the stage and have the seat.

The rest will wait under the stage.

And after a while, a gorgeous carriage protected by royal knights appeared from the royal castle.

When the carriage arrives in front of the stage, people inside go out and climb the stage.

Just like the temple side, the only three people have the seats on the stage, and the

guards wait under the stage.

Three attendants on the side of the temple are: Archbishop Sornier, Bishop Perrier, Shrine maiden Shera.

She is still a shrine maiden, even though she is already 60 years old.

Three major people on the royal side are: King Serge, King's brother Roland, Prime Minister Cornor.

Two sides of the triangle are filled, only the last one side.

And that one keeps both the King and Archbishop waiting.

The plaza was tense.

"Oh, I'm sorry, I'm coming late!" (Kaoru)

Until the tense atmosphere was ruined by that voice of a commoner girl who appeared from among the crowd.



Kaoru made the condition of the meeting as follow.

First: have a meeting with both the royalty side and the temple side at the same time.

Second: the meeting place must not be under the influence of any power.

Third: the meeting will hold in front of the eyes of an indefinite number of people.

And the location and method specifically designated by Kaoru was an open questionnaire at the central square.

Both Royal palace side and temple have three attendants, Kaoru side only has one Kaoru.

"Okay, we will start a question and answer session right here and now" (Kaoru)

The discussion starts with Kaoru side.

“First of all, what do you want to ask of me, I’m just a citizen?” (Kaoru)

“Nothing. It’s natural to invite you, the angel of Goddess to the Royal Palace...” (P.M)

The Prime Minister’s Cornor answered with what he thought.

“Well, but I’m not an angel, even if you invite me to the royal palace, I have nothing to tell you or anything to do for you...” (Kaoru)

“Huh...?” (Cornor)

The prime minister, Cornor is dumbfounded.

“Ah, but didn’t you have the blessing from the goddess...” (King)

“Well? I don’t have it...” (Kaoru)

“.....” (King)

The King can’t stay calm on his seat.

“But according to the investigation, there are those who were saved by the blessings of the goddess among the citizens of the kingdom...” (Roland)

The King’ brother Roland asks.

“Ah, that only happens if the person in question is a people with a great heart, and had suffered unreasonable suffering.

As for royalty and aristocracy who serious rule the country and the territory.

It isn’t surprising because it’s a matter of course as a government administrator.

They really have a great heart that willing sacrifice for others.

As for knight and soldier, even if they get injured during.

That is just the result of normal duties as a knight or soldier, not “unreasonable”

So they still aren’t people that the goddess wishes to give her blessing.

There is no point in seeing royalty and nobility, and I can not enter the king castle in the first place.

Because I was told that I need to let the gatekeeper have his way with my body to get in.

I already swore to the goddess that I would never enter the castle again” (Kaoru)

A hoarse spread among the people on Kaoru’s bomb remark.

(You dare demand the angel to offer her body!) (Citizen)

(What a dishonor! What are the nobility guys thinking!) (Citizen)

Now, the Royalty can’t hide this information anymore because the citizen already heard.

“Also about Celes, she doesn’t really care much about the destiny of each human being. Except for an individual that she is interested in or in the case of the disaster that the majority of humanity will lose their life.

...The goddess doesn’t take care of every individual” (Kaoru)

With the words of Kaoru, Roland becomes silent.

Kaoru is talking about the goddess’ will and no-one can say anything about that.

Meanwhile, the temple side is glad to hear Kaoru’s declaration “will never enter the royal castle again”

“Then, for an angel, you should, by all means, enter my temple!

The temple which is the place for goddess’s worshiper. The most suitable place for the visit of the angel!” (Sornie)

The archbishop’s desperate solicitation.

“No, I have no use in the temple either...” (Kaoru)

Archbishop Sornier has a blank face.

Bishop Perrier desperately talks.

“No matter how much the differences in the doctrine of sects of other countries are, Aren’t we also worship the same goddess, Celestine-sama?

Just like the angel, please come with us...” (Perrier)

“Well, but I’m not a Celestine believer” (Kaoru)

“HAAAAAAAAHHHHHHHH...” (Everyone)

A loud scream came out from the square with Kaoru’s nuclear bomb remark.

“In my country, God’s will live in everything.

Forest blessing, river blessing, sea blessing,...

We have Faith and Respect for every god.

Goddess Celestine, she shoulders the responsibility of many gods.

She is a kind goddess who advises directly in human’s appearance” (Kaoru)

“Then, the relationship between the angel and the goddess Celestine...” (Perrier)

“Oh, she is just a friend of mine” (Kaoru)

With the face that just witnesses an unbelievable thing, the archbishop and the bishop froze with the mouth open.

Only the shrine maiden looks somewhat awkward.

“Ah, that’s right, everyone.

People called me “the Holy angel” , but I wasn’t Celestine’s angel.

Because we are equal friends” (Kaoru)

Most of the People are already dead, both on stage and off stage.

(T.N: Not literal dead but like comedy: this is too much, I’m dead)

As a precaution, Kaoru warns against aristocrats and stakeholders who are listening outside the stage.

“By the way, even if you force me to do things against my will, Celes will not be able to make that kind of thing come true.

She will get angry and punish you instead.

Not only you, but all the members of the party, including all the related factions, the kingdom, all the territories, all the temples in the whole country, and so on...

Celes is really rough” (Kaoru)

Nobles becoming pale as well as the temple officials.

“If you come and demand something from me, that wish can never be fulfilled at that point.

Regardless of the reason “The Goddess’ will should be respected and do not question it”

Goddess will honor people with great heart” (Kaoru)

On the stage, everyone but the shrine maiden was feeling as if their soul had fallen out of their mouths.

Apparently, there seems to be no question, Kaoru thought she should return soon... , the shrine maiden who had been silent until now began to ask the question.

“Well, Celestine-sama, how is she?” (Shera)

Well, I wonder if she is really trying to be friends with Celes?

From the age perspective, there’s a possibility that she was a shrine maiden since the last time Celes gave an Oracle.

“She was doing her best” (Kaoru)

“Fufu~, is that so...” (Shera)

Well, was she also talking to Celes?

I wonder if I can go home now.

Oh, one last thing that I wonder about.

“Ah, (Miko-san) shrine maiden, can I ask you one thing?” (Kaoru)

“Yes, please ask me anything” (Shera)

“Um... That Celes’ statue, why did the breast area become so much more abundant?” (Kaoru)

On the stage, the last one also died.

No, she dry laughed and broke down.

Chapter 24

Peaceful days

The expression of Fernand, the first Prince of Brancott Kingdom, was dark.

The day after the tragedy at that party, Fabio and Alan went to check the dining hall where Kaoru worked at but they couldn't find her.

One of the waitresses said that "Kaoru was called by a big noble and she said she shouldn't come back anymore, thus she quit so that she wouldn't cause trouble for the dining hall"

She'd been preparing this far? Had she been chased that far already...?

After that, Fabio and Alan searched the city.

There was a story of a bleeding girl who went outside the gate on the evening of that day.

The gatekeeper said that she went out of the gate without any baggage on her.

Did she arrive safely at other towns?

Did she get a proper job even with that terrible scar?

Every time he thinks about it, his heart gets heavy...

"Fernan, I heard something interesting" (Fabio)

Fabio excitedly tells Fernand as he arrives.

It's quite an unusual sight for the always calm Fabio.

"What is it?" (Fernand)

Fabio grinned to Fernand, who showed a little bit of interest.

"Surprised. This is information I bought from a merchant from Gurua that just arrived in our city today "Goddess Celestine-sama's friend" appeared in Gurua

(T.N: I forgot to explain it before, Gurua is the capital name, Balmoa is the country name)

She made a miracle and was saving people.

She even made both the king and the temple lose face" (Fabio)

“What, that is...” (Fernand)

Fernan was amazed.

A story such as this is unlikely to be a fairytale, that’s why Fabio thinks it’s interesting.

“And about this “goddess’s friend”...” (Fabio)

Fabio continued that story...

“Age 11 to 12, black hair, black eyes” (Fabio)

What?

“She called herself “Kaoru”” (Fabio)

“Think of any errands that would allow us to go to the Balmoa Kingdom!

The government, courtesy, anything will do, and we have to go as soon as possible!”
(Fernand)

“Yes, yes, I knew you would say something like that, so I already prepared the necessary arrangements...” (Fabio)

As expected of Fabio.

“Okay, I’ll bring her back, if it’s just like what you heard that she caused a dispute with both the royal palace and the temple in that country, it will be hard for her to stay, this is convenient for me!” (Fernand)

Even though he somewhat regrets what he did, but it seems that his superiority habit can’t be rid of that easily.

❖ **Balmoa Kingdom, Capital Gurua**

“It’s peaceful...” (Kaoru)

Kaoru was having a peaceful day.

After that “Public interview” , I was worried a little whether idiotic people would come.

However, it seems that the threat worked.

Even if you capture or threaten me, it’s meaningless because “The Goddess will decide everything.”

It’s impossible to hold me as a hostage to demand ransom from the goddess.

I also told them that if they dare to try and anger the Goddess, everyone from any faction and even the whole capital city as well will get punished.

“Do not lay a finger on Kaoru” was the order spread from the leaders.

After all, Kaoru is “the friend of the goddess”

There are advantages and disadvantages, the cost-effectiveness, the risk, and return.

Risks such as making myself the enemy of some royalties and nobles.

The temple side as well.

It was impossible to force a girl who wasn’t a believer to the temple.

They themselves don’t want to become heretics by hurting the goddesses’ friend.

The commoners also recognized that “Kaoru is an average girl who had the love of the goddess”

Although the people weren’t satisfied, they wouldn’t even dare to think of opposing Kaoru

Well, how can someone claim to be “an average girl” at the point of “receiving the love of the goddess”

Those families with injured and sick people wouldn’t be calm, but when thinking about the anger of the goddess if they tried forcing Kaoru to do something, it’s nearly impossible to try and retaliate.

Still, people knew that Kaoru was working at the workshop and they were all like, “I want to see her face” and “Please let me see her”...

But unfortunately, Kaoru isn’t working the business part of the shop, she’s only cooking, cleaning, and doing chores at the back.

People couldn’t even meet her if they went to the workshop.

Even when Kaoru went out.

There weren’t that many people who could notice her in the first place.

Although this world has fewer black-haired people.

Due to the high population of the capital city, there were still some people with black hair in it.

Although a lot of people gathered at the Central Park at that time.

It was mostly Royalty and Temple people who were close enough to see Kaoru, only an extreme minority of commoners managed to get a close look at Kaoru's face enough to distinguish her.

And this is a world with no photographs and mass communication that would be able to let everyone know what Kaoru actually looked like.

Therefore, information about Kaoru was only transmitted at most was "a cute girl with black hair"

Both the Royalty and the Temple didn't spread any information so people wouldn't even know the color of Kaoru's eyes.

For that reason, Kaoru casually went out to the town today.

Apart from buying food from the market, Kaoru also has work to be done at the libraries and the run-down house.

As Kaoru was walking while eating skewers bought at a stall a while ago.

She saw a beautiful lady walking in front of her.

Actually, that beautiful lady is still at the age enough to be called as a girl.

But from Kaoru's viewpoint, most Westerners over the age of 15 look like adults.

Well... , in this world where the adult age is 15 years old, Kaoru's wasn't really wrong...

She moved elegantly even with the sword on her waist.

Judging from the clothes, is she a knight or an apprentice knight...?

When Kaoru got close enough, that woman no... girl suddenly stopped and stared at Kaoru's face. She shrieked with a surprised voice.

"Oh, my goddess!" (Francette) *(T.N: puns intend)*

Is this a longevity manga?

"...Ha?" (Kaoru)

Kaoru was suddenly shouted at by the unknown girl, and she was confused.

“I... I’m the knight, Francette!” (Francette)

“...No, I’m not asking for your name” (Kaoru)

There was a reason that Kaoru didn’t remember Francette.

Back at that time, Francette didn’t tell Kaoru her name...

Well, even if Kaoru got her name, Kaoru would probably still forget about her.

I would be in trouble if this girl continues calling me “goddess”

Kaoru thought so as she pulled the girl to a nearby restaurant.

There was still an hour before lunch so it was mostly empty.

Kaoru sat on the seat in the corner and asked the girl again after ordering food properly.

“...So who are you?” (Kaoru)

Francette desperately explained.

Then they met in that forest with the Earl’s children.

The siblings’ grandmother got healed.

She used the other two in the royal palace and so on...

Kaoru was shocked.

“The speed that the Royal Palace reacted was too fast... , is it because of that...?”
(Kaoru)

Kaoru took a breath and touched Francette’s face.

“No way. is this for real... as expected, the mysterious skills of the superhigh-life-organism rivaling God...” (Kaoru)

“uhm... what?” (Francette)

“No, nothing...” (Kaoru)

While staring at Francette’s Face, Kaoru Thought.

(How did she recognize me?

Didn't I look different from before?

No, actually only the color of my hair is different, but my face is still the same...

However, it's still impossible for her to easily recognize me...

Is it because she worships me too much and remembered my face?) (Kaoru)

"Knight Francette, I have something I would like to ask of you" (Kaoru)

"My pleasure, please order whatever you want!" (Francette)

Francette firmly answers to Kaoru while lowering her voice.

Kaoru briefly explained her favor.

"...So now, I am supposed to be a "friend of Celestine"

Well, that itself is true... but I was mistaken as an ordinary girl.

That's also not a lie, because right now I am living as a human.

I'm just an ordinary girl who has a little bit of a healing power" (Kaoru)

"Ye, yes..." (Francette)

At that time, Francette returned with Earl Adan to his territory, to organize his affairs.

And she just returned to the Capital the other day.

Therefore, she didn't know the details of the matter at the central square.

"That's why I am now enjoying the human life as an "average girl" and I don't want to be disturbed" (Kaoru)

"Yes, The Goddess' secret is safe with me..." (Francette)

Francette straight her spine and swears with a serious look.

"Ah, yes, there's also that, but what I would like to ask for is something else..." (Kaoru)

Kaoru explains.

Although somehow Kaoru already had a quiet life, however, it's difficult to give people blessings in the present state.

What Kaoru wants is a friend on the side of power.

That friend can be trusted and has the power to protect herself and Kaoru.

So Kaoru asked Francette if she can secretly contact the Earl who to employ Francette. In return, the Earl and his relatives will have benefit from goddess blessing.

“Well, but I already resigned working for Earl Adan, I was moved to the Kingdom by the Earl himself...” (Francette)

“Huh?” (Kaoru)

Just when she came up with a plan, things had already become like this, Kaoru was stunned.

“...and, from the day after tomorrow, I will serve the royal palace as an escort for Roland-sama, the King’ brother” (Francette)

“HAAAAAA??” (Kaoru)

Okay, change of plan. Let’s go with plan B

❖ At that time, in the royal palace.

“Brother, then how do we calmly approach this matter...” (Serge)

“Oh, don’t push yourself, let’s deepen our friendship and gain trust” (Roland)

“Let’s leave it to the people of the Lyotal family for the time being, after that, let me spread the circle little by little from there...”

Ah, in order to make it easier for other nobles, should I move Viscount Lyotal’s son to the countryside and give him some job title?” (Serge)

(T.N: countryside often have no-GREAT noble)

King Serge said so.

“But then, the one who would get closer to Kaoru won’t be a “Noble aristocrat” anymore...” (Roland)

“Ah...” (King)

❖ **At that time, in the Temple of Gurua capital city.**

“Archbishop, then, again with a relaxing measure...” (Perrier)

“Yes, deepen our contact little by little, so that we can invite her to our temple.

What is the name of the mother country that she abandoned?

How can it be that there’s no Celestine-sama sect in that country but she can become Celestine-sama’s friend...?” (Sornie)

Archbishop Sornie told Bishop Perrier, then faced the Holy Maiden Shera.

“Holy Maiden Shera, please do it.

You are the one who had a conversation with just a couple of people since the last time goddess Celestine gave her Oracle to everyone.

Surely you can earn the trust from her friend

Please choose some suitable people and do it” (Sornie)

“Yes, please leave it to me” (Shera)

And then the Archbishop suddenly asked Shera.

“By the way, Holy Maiden Shera...

It has been more than 50 years since then.

I wonder if you could tell me what you said to the goddess at that time.

I’ve become more and more anxious about it after 53 years.

I would like to know what it was before dying...” (Sornie)

But the Holy Maiden Shera shook her head as she smiled.

“No, that secret will go with me, to my grave...” (Shera)

“Oh, well, I knew that you would answer like that...” (Sornie)

Archbishop Sornie also smiled, but he seemed a bit disappointed.

(I cannot tell them about it!

The Goddess consulted me about “How can I draw the attention of a guy?”

That’s all the Goddess thought about for the whole time!) (Shera)

It was certain that Holy maiden Shera will bring this secret to the grave.

Chapter 25

Visitors 1

❖ Maiyaru workshop

The people working in the workshop doesn't change their attitude towards Kaoru. They think of Kaoru not as an angel of the goddess, but as a "Helper that can cook, clean and do miscellaneous chores".

Having a goddess' friend or angel doesn't really help them with their work. They already treat Kaoru like she's their angel due to how she helps out the workshop.

And today, the workshop has visitors from the temple again.

Since they wanted to talk with Kaoru, they continued to pester her by visiting the workshop every day to invite Kaoru to the temple.

And Kaoru continued to reply "I'm sorry, I won't enter the Temple"

Then one time, Shera changed the place from the temple to a restaurant.

However, when Kaoru examined it, she found out that the restaurant Shera invited her to is a place where nobles usually frequent at.

There's also a completely soundproofed private room in the back.

Instant refusal.

And then, this time, I got a message saying "We will meet at a place that you would like"

How persistent, she just won't give up unless we meet once, so I decided to meet her. I deliberately chose a place with a lot of people.

❖ A few days later, at the snack restaurant

I get some free time after I finish cleaning up and preparing lunch for the guys at the workshop.

I just need to prepare dinner when I return.

Kaoru hesitatingly waited for the Holy Maiden to make her give up on Kaoru once and for all.

“My Apologies. I have kept you waiting.” (Shera)

The Holy Maiden Shera, 3 boys and 2 girls appeared.

They ranged from about 10 to 16 years old.

Every one of them looked cute in their own way.

“Haaaah...” Kaoru sighed.

“These children have received the temple’s teachings.

And when they heard that I would have a meeting with Kaoru, they asked if they could come with me” Shera explained.

“Eh... , is that so... then, What is your purpose?” (Kaoru)

Kaoru gives an unpleasant-like reply.

Shera panicked a little, she saw that Kaoru isn’t interested at all in the children.

She only has one common topic left to talk about.

“Well, Kaoru, did you hear Celestine-sama say anything about that Male God?” (Shera)

Even though the children weren’t supposed to hear about this, this is the only way she can talk to Kaoru.

She hopes that Kaoru would change her mind because she’s also acquainted with Celestine.

“Oh, Celes huh?

Did she talk to you about that as well?

Well, she was pleased that she was able to get in touch with him” (Kaoru)

“Oh, really? That must be nice!” (Shera)

...

...

...

“.....” (Both)

However, the talk does not continue from there.
Shera thought of what Kaoru asked the other day.

“By the way, about the question you asked of Celestine-sama’s statue.
Celestine-sama is also a goddess of fertility but that place is somewhat at a poor state.
Thus people believe, in order to enrich the land, the statue of the goddess of fertility
needs to be abundant from the poor areas as well.
Way back then, people thought of it like that...” (Shera)

“...Is that so?” (Kaoru)

A cold reply by the Kaoru.

Tears dropped from her eyes. Kaoru then looked at her own body.

“ahahaha... a somewhat poor state...” , “a poor state...” , “a poor state...” Kaoru kept
muttering it.

“Ah, Kaoru. I will introduce these children, from the left...” (Shera)

“Ohhh, that’s fine.

It’s alright, I probably won’t remember their names,
I’m not good at remembering people...” (Kaoru)

“Eh...” (Shera)

Shera got shot down again.

No way, I can’t stop here!

When push comes to shove, I have to use the children to increase our current
relationship.

It’s still too early to talk about the temple.

I have to warm up the talk with more ordinary topics... was what Shera was thinking.
And then, the children started speaking.

“Uhm, we ah no... , I want to ask about the goddess!” (Child A)

“Ah, me too!” (Child B)

“I also want to ask!” (Child C)

As expected of the children chosen by the archbishop.

It seems that they weren’t just about appearances.

Shera was impressed.

And then Kaoru started talking to the children.

“You know what, just imagine that you have a very rich friend...” (Kaoru)

“Eh?” (5 children)

“And then someone you don’t know, comes and pushes you.

They don’t ask anything about you, they just want to listen to anything about your rich friend as if they want you to introduce them to her.

Do you think that you can become good friends with those kinds of people?

No...

Do you even think you would like to be friends with them in the first place?

Would you trust someone you don’t know and just keep giving them your important friend’s information?” (Kaoru)

“.....” (5 children)

“Well, I don’t have anything to talk about, so I will excuse myself.” (Kaoru)

Even when Kaoru stood up, both Shera and the children remained silent and didn’t move.

Kaoru noticed something after leaving the restaurant.

“Oh, in the end, I didn’t order anything...” (Kaoru)

❖ A few days later

The female knight Francette came.



“Kaoru, Earl Adam has arrived in the kingdom” (Fran)

Kaoru was told by Francette the news she was waiting for, she then confirmed the meeting time with the Earl through Francette.

By the way, Kaoru had told Francette and everyone else not to call her “goddess” , “angel” or “Goddess’s friend”

The next day, in front of Earl Adam, Kaoru was wearing the “Baron’s Daughter’s clothes” that caused his children and the knights to mistake her as a goddess.

Normally, you would ring the entrance knocker and get picked up.

No, usually the noble’s daughter would not walk alone.

I was guided by a butler through the back room.

Going into a private mansion like this is a problem.

However, Kaoru had prepared counter-measures for herself.

She ordered the children, that if she didn’t come out of the Earl’s house by sunset, then notify the Temple, the Lyotal house, the workshop, and shout at the Central Plaza, “the friend of the goddess is captured by Earl Adam!”

When worse comes to worst, I have to use the name “goddess’ s friend”

After quite some time Kaoru noticed that her worries were unfounded.

There were already other members in the room through which Kaoru came in.

Earl of Adam, his son Hector, his daughter Anice, Robert the captain of the escort back then, female knight Francette and royal king’s brother Roland.

Members of this group noticed that the goddess’ friend Kaoru and silver hair Goddess Kaoru are the same person.

Those people are very unlikely to betray Kaoru.

Kaoru explained to the everyone in the room as followed.

“I am Celes’ friend.

I came to visit here from another world on Celes’ recommendation.

Now that I’m enjoying life as a human being, keep it a secret.

Right now other than everyone in this room, Everyone else believes that I’m a friend of the Goddess Celes and am just a human who was given the ability to bless people...

Keep in mind about the part “just a human”

I don't intend to shoulder this power on my own.

I gave the blessings to a few people, but due to how many people are in need of these blessings, it's become hard to distribute them.

Thus if you collaborate with me, It will be easier to give blessings to the people”
(Kaoru)

Based on that, various things from now on would be consulted and decided.

Baron Lyotal's family will handle the royal palace, nobility, temple, etc.

Kaoru wants to maintain the current status quo.

On the other hand, Earl Adam and the King's Brother Roland and female knight Francette would support them.

By Roland 's request, we will also share this info to the king as well.

And lastly, we decided to name this group.

“The light of the goddess”

Although Kaoru strongly opposed to it, it was approved by a majority vote from the other members...

For the time being, the things that we would need to do would be.

“Selling healing potions with cheap price.

However, the effect is weak, and if it is not used in 5 days, it will lose its effect.

The manufacturing and distribution route is state secret.

The wholesaler is the royal palace”

The reason why we declined its effects in 5 days is to prevent it to be used for war.

The main purpose for these was for the injuries hunters would get, and to cure the diseases of the general population.

The effect is weak but it's still enough to help people.

The real miracle can only be done by “the tears of the goddess” made by the power of the goddess.

Only those qualified enough to receive the potion would be blessed by it.

Kaoru remembered and told everyone two things.

First, the “light of the goddess” has an outer organization called the “goddess’ eyes” They are currently working without pay, but in the future, I plan to pay the members regularly.

Second, we will use Abir merchant group shops as a sales route.
And just like this, Kaoru finally made her debut on “potion sales”

Chapter 26

Visitors 2

“Is Kaoru here?” (Francette)

The female knight Francette came to the workshop. She seems a little panicked.

“Actually, yesterday a diplomatic message came from a neighboring country...”
(Francette)

Kaoru had a bad feeling with what Francette said.

(No no no... Even if she says neighboring country, there are four countries adjacent to this country...) (Kaoru)

“Which country?” (Kaoru)

“From the Brancott Kingdom” (Fran)

(I knew it...) (Kaoru)

With how things are, Kaoru can somewhat predict what it is, just to be sure she continues asking Francette.

“So, who is the envoy?” (Kaoru)

“It’s the first prince!” (Francette)

Aaaahh...

It didn’t really matter who it was since his role as an envoy, but it was still frustrating to know that it’s the first prince.

“I was told that he said that there was a girl named Kaoru that he wants to meet.”
(Francette)

The king and the cabinet ministers feel troubled by this. They don't want him to meet Kaoru and they don't really know what his purpose for meeting her is.

They can't really lie about Kaoru since her whereabouts are well-known by the people.

Among those people, there are aristocrats, nobles, and merchants who wish to have a connection with the prince from the Brancott Kingdom.

Even if they managed to lie about Kaoru, there still might be someone who would want to gather favor from the prince.

Therefore, Francette came to warn Kaoru of the circumstances.

"Ahh, so troublesome, let's deal with him and send him back quickly.
I can't bother the workshops, have him meet me at Baron Lyotal's house.
I still need to adjust my schedule for the next few days,
I'll probably be able to meet him in the afternoon around this week." (Kaoru)

I can't afford to be late preparing the meal for everyone in the workshop or miss a few of my chores just so I could meet the first prince.

"I understand, I will tell Roland-sama" (Francette)

❖ Evening of the same day

Fernand, the first prince of Brancott Kingdom, was in a good mood

Finally, he can see Kaoru.

Moreover, he seems to have heard about Kaoru's announcement "*I will never enter the King's Castle*"

Which means that Kaoru has a bad relationship with the royal palace and he heard that a low-ranking baron is taking care of Kaoru.

"Since it's just a low-ranking noble, I could just threaten him a bit to make him give Kaoru to me." (Fernand)

“No. No matter what, you must respect Kaoru’s will.
Did you forget what happened, Fernand?” (Fabio)

Fabio stabbed a nail in Fernand’s thoughts.

“Well... yeah... but...” (Fernand)

He stabbed a nail, but that was because Fabio didn’t think everything was that simple.
He had to prepare something to convince Kaoru with so she would come back to them.

He had investigated Kaoru and it seems that she was having some trouble with the King and Nobles, almost similar to that time when she was in our country.

With this, it should be difficult for her to live a normal life here.

However, in the Brancott Kingdom, although there was a rumor about a commoner girl who rejected the prince’s proposal, this rumor was only spread to a certain extent and the details have only been confined to the reaches of the nobles.

Because of this, the name and appearance of the girl were kept secret.

Perhaps she can live a normal life in the Brancott kingdom as a different person.

But the problem was, would this country let go of Kaoru?

According to the reports made by the spies, It isn’t that the people of this country won’t hand Kaoru over, But it’s just that Kaoru can’t simply leave the country.

It is well-known by now that Kaoru is an existence beloved by the goddess, thus she is an important beacon of hope for the people of this country.

(ED/PF okay I think it’s a bit confusing here but what I think he meant was, if Kaoru leaves the country then it would be in turmoil since people would think that the Goddess has forsaken them.)

Also, even without the goddess’ blessing, Kaoru herself possess great wisdom...

To what extent did the aristocrats and royalty of this country recognize those things about her?

Would they still consider handing Kaoru over to them even if the King of Brancott's Kingdom would threaten their country

Fabio can't predict everything just from the reports.

"Anyway, do not speak arrogantly, do not say bad things, let's bring it to a friendly atmosphere first, listen to the current situation of Kaoru, apologize to her, and hopefully, she would forgive us..."

"I understood, let's go with that"

Fernand agreed with what Fabio said.

❖ 2 days later

Fernand, Fabio, Alan, along with the king's brother Roland and the Chancellor were guarded safely to Baron Lyotal's house.

Many greetings were lined up in front of the baron's residence.

A few people are guided to the back whereas several guards were placed in front of the mansion.

During the reception, the figure of the Baron of this house, Lyotard and his third son Acyl appeared.

After all respective introductions and greetings were in order, the door opened and a single girl came in.

""Kaoru!""

The three friends shouted.

"What happened to the scar on your face?"

"Have you been okay?"

“I’m sorry about what happened.”

The girl listened to the three men for a bit and then, with a grim face, she said with a convincing expression.

“How do you do. Everyone, are you my little sister’s acquaintance?”

“““Huh?””” (Prince Trio)

“I am Alpha · Kaoru · Nagase, it seems you have taken care of my little sister, Milfa · Kaoru · Nagase” (Kaoru)

“““huh?””” (Prince Trio)

“Oh, did you not talk about what happened with that girl?
We both escaped from native’s country and I broke up with her to lose the pursuers.
I surely thought we would meet again soon...
That girl, is she doing well?”

The three men have trouble in replying. They can’t simply say that her little sister was Injured and Missing.

“So which one of the two gentlemen here has a relationship with that girl?”

Alan and Fabio were surprised since Kaoru was smiling at the both of them.

“Why did you ask these two?” (Fernand)

Fernand asks with a face that seems desperate.

“It’s because I know what kind of man that girl likes,
A gentleman who is strong, wild, sincere (Alan).
Or an intelligent man who cares for everyone including the girl he loves (Fabio)”
(Kaoru)

“Oh, It’s m-!” (Fernand)

“Oh that’s right, because of our stubborn grandfather, Both I and that girl dislike men who would try to overwhelm us with how we live our lives.” (Kaoru)

Fernand felt a hit to his conscience.

Alan and Fabio felt sorry for Fernand.

“I’d like to ask, can Milfa use the goddess’ blessing like you?” (Fabio)

Kaoru shook her head.

“No, between both of us sisters, I was the one who was lucky enough to be friends with Celes.

Even though we have the same face, I and my sister are completely different people”

The three men have a bitter face.

“Well, can’t Alpha come to the Kingdom of Brancott! If you wish to live with your sister...” (Alan)

Kaoru shakes her head again to Alan’ invitation.

“That is useless.

When we get together in one country, the balance between the powers of the countries collapses and it is likely to cause a dispute, because of this both of us ran away from our country.

Hopefully, there would be an opportunity to meet again with my little sister.”

“”“ ”“”
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If this girl is a different person from that Kaoru, then they don’t have a reason to take her back to the Brancott Kingdom.

This girl here is an important person to this country, no matter what, they are sure that this kingdom’s king wouldn’t let her go.

There is nothing more to talk about.

Fabio, Alan, and Fernand left Baron Lyotal’s house. Among these three, Fernand was the most depressed out of them.



“...Hey, do you think she really is her sister?”

“Probably... , I’m not really sure.”

Fabio, with a difficult expression, answers Alan’s question.

“Well, it seems that she doesn’t have any intention of coming back to the Brancott Kingdom, she didn’t even seem interested in Fernand.”

Hearing those words, Fernand’s face was in grief.



“Oh, it’s done, it’s over!!!~~”

As they looked at Kaoru who was stretching her arms upward, everyone had a similar question in their head.

“Um, that person that you are talking about.
Is she really your younger sister?” (Francette)

Francette asks out the question everyone has in their head even though a part of them knew the answer.

“There’s no way that’s true right?
You know about me already.
There’s no such thing.” (Kaoru)

(((I knew it))) (Everyone)

Everyone understands one thing, the Prince must’ve gotten on Kaoru’s nerves before.



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